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Israel gets $600m. 'copter contract

By STEVE RODAN

Poland has awarded an Israeli consortium a $600 million contract to upgrade up to 100 helicopters, in a fierce competition with a US defense firm that was backed by the Pentagon, Israeli executives said yesterday.

The competition pited an Israeli group that consisted of Elbit Ltd, El-Op Industries, and the Armament Development Authority (Rafael) against a US-led group of Boeing and several European subcontractors.

Over the past few months, the US-led group applied heavy pressure on Warsaw that appeared to link the deal to acceptance of Poland into NATO. But the Polish Defense Ministry informed the Israeli consortium recently that it had won the competition, El-Op president Jacob Toren said.

"We are waiting for the decision to be realized," said Toren. "The announcement has been delayed."

Toren and other Israeli executives said the delay in the Polish announcement could stem from fear of Washington's reaction to the choice. But other defense sources said they expect an announcement within the next few weeks, if not days.

"There has been an agreement, although no contract has yet been signed," an Elbit source said last night. "The signing, however, could take place very soon."

An Elbit spokeswoman said she could not confirm nor deny the Polish decision.

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A border policeman eyes a group of Arab youths as they watch a parade march past the capital's Old City yesterday. (Reuter)

Six Day War dead remembered

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and URIEL HEILMAN

\Remembering, the soldiers who died during the Six Day War, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday that although there was a stunningly small number of casualties, an impressive statistic is no comfort to the bereaved families.

"We paid a terrible price in this war," he said at the annual Jerusalem Day memorial ceremony at Mount Herzl. "Behind every name is a soul that was plucked, a life that could not be lived." Netanyahu also stressed that the war was the beginning of the path to peace.

"This war gave us control over the heart of our land and set our strategic border in the Jordan Valley," he said. "At this point our enemies realized – though some have yet to realize – that there is no point in war against such a state and such defenses. Thus our victory symbolized the path to peace."

Natan Schnur, who lost his son in the war, spoke both to the crowd and to the heavens. "You, who put these challenges to us, see that we have no strength left," he said, his face to the sky. "We did not ask for our children to be war heroes."

The hour-long ceremony began with the lighting of the memorial torch by a bereaved mother, and it closed with the laying of wreaths by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, Supreme Court President Aharon Barak, and other dignitaries.

During the day, tens of thousands of people converged on the capital to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the reunification of the city. "The struggle continues – the struggle for Jerusalem has not ended," Netanyahu said at the state ceremony at Ammunition Hill. "Many in the world do not recognize our sovereignty over the city, and our neighbors say there is no chance for an agreement unless we agree to redivide our capital. So we say again today, on Jerusalem Day, that the united, complete, Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and will be for eternity."

Earlier, a memorial for Ethiopian Jews who perished on their way to Israel was held near Kibbutz Ramat Rahel, in the presence of Netanyahu and Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau.

Two soldiers were lightly wounded on the Via Dolorosa in the Old City, in a scuffle that broke out between Jewish marchers and Arabs. Police separated the two sides.

In another incident, stones were thrown at Jewish visitors to the Old City. One of the stone-throwers was held for questioning.

Nine Hai Vekayam activists were detained for questioning after members of the group attempted to break through a police line so they could reach the Temple Mount. Another person, who interfered with police while they were arresting the activists, was also held.

PM unveils final status proposal

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu presented his concept of Israel's future borders to the inner cabinet yesterday, saying Israel should retain the Greater Jerusalem area, the Jordan Valley, a security belt east of the pre-1967 armistice line, and Gush Etzion.

Dubbing it the "Allon-Plus plan" – an enlarged version of the original formula proposed by late foreign minister Yigal Allon after the Six Day War – Netanyahu suggested its provisions be presented to the Palestinians in final status talks.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat rejected the proposed map as a violation of the Oslo Accords and severe blow to the Middle East peace process.

"This is not a basis for negotiations on a final agreement," said Ahmed Qurie, Speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council.

Qurie played a major role in the Oslo Accords.

"The three prerequisites for peace were solution of the Arab refugee problem, termination of the Israeli occupation that began in 1967, and definition of the nature of the relations between Israelis and Palestinians, in particular, and with the Arabs, in general," he said.

"If Israel is interested in an arrangement that is less than peace, it might be possible to predicate this on Netanyahu's principles."

The "Allon-Plus plan" would enlarge the pre-1967 Jerusalem Corridor, thereby placing all of the capital's recently-built satellite communities under Israeli sovereignty.

A senior government source attributed Netanyahu's decision to go beyond the geographical limits proposed by Allon to "the new facts on the ground, especially the existence of more than 100 settlements" in the areas taken 30 years ago.

Netanyahu's proposal was based on what an aide called "a broad consensus that exists within the Israeli public," according to which the maximalist aspirations of the Land of Israel movement and the minimalist Peace Now viewpoint are unacceptable.

But PA cabinet secretary-general Ahmed Abdel-Rahman told Reuters Netanyahu's decision is meant to suppress and terrorize the Palestinian people in Jerusalem.

PA Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi said the "Allon-Plus plan" smacks of Nazi ideology and reflects Hitler's belief that *lebensraum* was essential for the German people's national security.

A Netanyahu aide said he set forth his territorial concept in response to critics who contend that he "does not know where he is leading the nation and is constantly improvising." His timing was apparently also influenced by Ehud Barak's Labor Party primary victory.

"He did not want to let Barak accuse him of evading the territorial issue," a source said, adding Netanyahu's ultimate purpose is to specify "what Israel cannot give up." This includes permanent control of the West Bank's main highways and sources of water – the subterranean aquifers from which much of Israel's water is drawn.

At the meeting, which was attended by both Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, and representatives of the Finance Ministry and police, the inner cabinet agreed to assign an additional 400 police officers to eastern Jerusalem.

Netanyahu said this deployment would go into effect immediately and enhance law enforcement in all parts of the city.

This move was prompted by the murder last month of three Palestinians suspected of selling land to Jews. Police investigators said the PA was implicated in these murders.

Liat Collins adds:

Coalition and Likud faction chairman Michael Eitan said the inner cabinet's discussions on the final status arrangements could lead to territorial compromise.

"The true meaning of the discussions on the map and permanent borders is not related to the definition of the 'Allon-Plus' or Allon plans, but recognizing that we are talking about territorial compromise whose scope and size will be defined in the negotiations," he said.

He added Israel could find itself "being dragged into a withdrawal to 1967 borders."

He said unless a broad consensus is formed in the coalition and Zionist camp, "there is a danger that the final result will be a return to the Green Line."

Netanyahu's 'Allon-Plus' plan

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's "Allon-Plus" plan would keep the following areas under Israeli control:

- Greater Jerusalem, comprising the municipal boundaries as enlarged after the Six Day War, Ma'aleh Adumim, and Gush Etzion.
- A Jerusalem Corridor expanded beyond its pre-1967 dimensions.
- The Jordan Valley, including all existing settlements and new ones to be established.
- A security belt parallel to the Green Line, extending eastward and incorporating the settlements beyond the line.

Jay Bushinsky

Models swap catwalk for parade ground

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

All right, all you model wannabes out there. Hide the lipstick and rouge, put away those pouts, and button those shirts. Now hear this: The IDF isn't giving fashion models deferments anymore.

According to OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer, the army feels that models who don't serve are not good examples for today's youth.

In its war against dropping motivation and increasing evasion of military service, the army wants to see those marvelous 18-year-old rears in khaki green.

"From today, it will be a lot more difficult for models to get released," Sheffer told a group of high schoolers and members of the National Youth and Student Council yesterday, saying the army made the decision because it is important that young men and women who are role models and cultural heroes serve in the IDF.

The IDF Spokesman could not immediately say how many deferments for fashion modeling are granted.

And if you're one of those disappointed models, don't worry. The army is considering opening up a new job for women, albeit on an experimental basis: patrolling along the Egyptian border. Hair spray is not provided.

'Torah codes' authors pan book

By JUDY SIEGEL

Israeli scientists whose computerized studies of the Torah were used by an American journalist to claim the Torah predicted Yitzhak Rabin's assassination before it occurred and warns of a disastrous nuclear war in 2000 or 2006, yesterday dissociated themselves from the journalist's book and declared that the Bible codes cannot be used to predict the future.

Prof. Eliahu Rips, a Hebrew University mathematician and computer expert, and physicist Doron Witztum, called a press conference to state their views about *The Bible Code*, a best-seller by Michael Drosnin that has made headlines around the world.

The two said they do not have any immediate plans to sue Drosnin, but did not rule it out.

Rips said that he had met with Drosnin, a former reporter for *The Washington Post* and the *Wall Street Journal*, but had not done joint work with him and did not support his claims that Bible codes could be used to predict events.

"All attempts to extract messages from Torah codes or to make predictions based on them are futile and of no value. This is not only my own opinion, but that of every scientist who has been involved in serious codes research," Rips declared.

"The only conclusion that can be drawn from the scientific research regarding the Torah codes is that they exist and that they're not a mere coincidence."



Prof. Eliyahu Rips (Brian Hendler)

Rips took all the words in the Torah, deleted the spaces between them and turned them into a single continuous strand of 304,805 letters. Then, working with Witztum, he used a computerized searching tool and a skip code, called equidistant letter sequences, to find names and phrases.

With the advent of CD-ROMs containing the text of the Bible and powerful search engines, numerous people around the world have made a hobby out of searching the text for meanings and messages.

Drosnin, who has written a biography of the late eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes, read articles on the subject written by the Israeli scientists and collected information delivered in various lectures.

He then did his own computer searches and claimed that through the Torah codes, he was able to predict, for example, the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. In the opening pages of his book, he recounts that he sent a letter of warning to Rabin a year before he was killed.

The New York Times last week quoted poet Haim Gouri, a friend of Rabin's, as saying he had received Drosnin's letter and had passed it to Rabin.

Witztum and Rips objected to Drosnin's making the Bible into a kind of "crystal ball," and demonstrated that Drosnin's technique could also be used to "predict the assassination of Winston Churchill," an event that never occurred.

"The credibility of serious codes research will be compromised by amateurs whose 'discoveries' are scientifically meaningless," said Witztum, "and people will exploit the Torah to present all kinds of counterfeit proofs by finding 'hidden messages' that bolster their ideology."

But the two, who are both religious, said they do believe that Torah codes research is serious and could both confirm historical events and prove that no human being could have written the Torah, but if misused could be manipulated to prove almost anything.

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NEWS

in brief

Two-hour school strike today

The Teachers Union will strike for two hours this morning at 10 as a warning against planned cuts in the educational system. The union said the cuts will affect important areas such as counselling, art, and libraries, and could lead to the firing of teachers.

The strike will affect all kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and teachers' colleges. It will not affect boarding schools, special education programs, schools along the border and ulpan classes. School trips, matriculation exams, and special events will not be cancelled. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Shots fired at patrol

Israeli and Palestinian forces cooperated yesterday in searches for gunmen who opened fire on an IDF patrol near the Gaza border. The patrol came under fire as it headed south from the Karni crossing, the army said. There were no injuries and the soldiers returned fire, the army said. Meanwhile, a woman was lightly injured by stones thrown at a car she was riding in near Ofra yesterday afternoon. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Electricity rates to rise

The Public Utilities Authority decided yesterday to raise electricity rates by 2.64 percent, due to increases in the cost of fuel and the cost-of-living index, as well as an adjustment in the pension component of Israel Electric Corporation employees. The new rates take effect June 12. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Six to Basel for Jewish identity competition

Shirley Yosef and Itai Steinberg of Givatayim, Gil Maman and Aharon Toyzer of Ofakim, and sisters Orit and Bat-Chen Sasi of Sderot yesterday won the Israeli finals of the Competition on Jewish Identity and will represent the country in the international competition in Basel, Switzerland on June 24.

The youngsters, aged 11-16, answered oral and written questions on Jewish culture, holidays, customs, Zionist history, and other subjects.

The contest was cosponsored by Bar-Ilan University and the Education Ministry. Six winners of the international finals will receive a scholarship for a year of study at Bar-Ilan. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Fractious Knesset marks united Jerusalem

By LIAT COLLINS

The special Knesset session yesterday celebrating 30 years since the reunification of Jerusalem was marked by disunity in the House and political argument.

The session, in the presence of President Ezer Weizman, former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek, and other dignitaries, started out with a theme of togetherness and a call to unite. No Arab MK attended.

There was slight heckling during a speech by Shimon Peres when he attacked the Likud, the morning after Ehud Barak took over the Labor Party leadership. But the major upset occurred when the religious parties realized that the fifth and final person to address the Knesset on the theme of Jerusalem would be Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, following Speaker Dan Tichon, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Jerusalem Mayor and Likud MK Ehud Olmert, and Peres.

Shmaryahu Ben-Tzur (National Religious Party), a deputy Speaker, accused Tichon of deviating from previous agreements on who would speak. He said that letting Sarid address the Knesset on this issue ruined the festive nature of the day and disgraced the Knesset. He complained, along with NRP colleague Zvi Hendel and Raphael Pinhasi (Shas), that no representative of a religious party had been invited to speak on Jerusalem. Several religious MKs then walked out in protest.

Tichon said later in response that nobody had questioned the decision before the start of the debate and that he had allowed a representative to speak from any faction which asked.

Netanyahu said Israel is committed to preserving the unity of the capital. He stressed that the Six Day War, which had been forced upon Israel, had resulted in "the beginning of the end of the threat to Israel's existence," by creating a security area.

He described the unification of Jerusalem as "a miracle" and promised that freedom of worship would be preserved for all religions. "I want to remind you again of something that is often forgotten: that we did not steal [Jerusalem] from any nation ... or confiscate it from any belief or religion." He said Jerusalem has never been as open or as free to all worshipers as it has been for the past 30 years under Israeli rule.

On his way to the podium, Netanyahu shook Barak's hand to congratulate him on his primary election victory.

Peres noted that, "Jerusalem has never been the capital of an Arab country and the Jews have never had another capital but Jerusalem." Olmert said that 30 years after the unification Israel is still trying to deal with the city's status and future. There is no ready prescription to solve the differences within the city, said the mayor, but Jerusalem will only be able to exist and thrive if it remains united. He criticized those who he said try to distort history by presenting the Six Day War as a war of conquest. "No retroactive political polemics will change that," Olmert said.

Sarid's speech was largely political. "Jerusalem, the Israeli capital, will not be divided again," he said. "But anyone who thinks that Jerusalem's final status, which will be determined according to a peace agreement, will not take into account all the special links of the city – national and religious links – is nothing but mistaken. Unfortunately, a person who thinks like that is not only mistaken, but also misleads."

After the special session, there was also a short, festive meeting of the Jerusalem Caucus led by Ruby Rivlin (Likud) and Ophir Pines (Labor). Rivlin said that, unlike in the past, the words "Jerusalem will never be divided again," cannot be taken for granted and to ensure that it remains true, all sectors must unite behind it.

Old City celebration has extra kick

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The Jerusalem Day celebration in the capital's Old City seemed to have a little extra kick yesterday, either because it was the 30th anniversary, or because of the extra layer of politics that seems to have attached itself to the day.

Tens of thousands of students came from around the country to celebrate in song and dance, as has become customary. But sharing the spotlight for a while was an attempt by the Temple Mount Faithful to get on to the Mount, and a visit from new Labor Party head Ehud Barak.

Barak said he couldn't see not coming to visit, especially after his victory Tuesday night. He reflected back to where he was when he heard the news of the city's liberation.

"I was deep in Sinai fighting against an Egyptian tank battalion, when the radio told us that Motta Gur, heading the paratroopers, entered the Temple Mount, saying: 'It is in our hands.' It was very moving – I was a kibbutznik; I didn't go to synagogue; I didn't put on tefillin; but I felt the whole force of Jewish history rising in my consciousness. It was the same all over the battlefield."

Not 100 meters away from Barak, Temple Mount Faithful leader Gershon Salomon was attempting his own imitation of Gur, leading a band of about 50 followers up the ramp toward the Mugrabi Gate.

The police, he said, would only allow them to enter four at a time, and only after they showed their identity cards and wrote their names down, "like we were crossing a foreign border," so they decided not to enter, but to stand outside and say psalms and sing "Hatikva."

"The Temple Mount is no more in our hands," Salomon said. "Today the Arabs can say, 'The Temple Mount is in our hands.' The Jews can't say it anymore, because we've lost the Temple Mount; and without the Temple Mount there will be no Jerusalem and no land of Israel."

It was also a day for scores of tourists to visit, including a group of 100 sailors from the Greek navy.

In the Jewish Quarter, there were more street peddlers than usual, taking advantage of the huge throng that was passing through to offer music tapes, kippot, necklaces, old photos of Rachel's Tomb and the Mandelbaum Gate, and a tape made from the broadcasts of Army Radio during the Six Day War.

But not everyone felt the excitement of the holiday. Fathala Mahmoud, owner of a pinball arcade on Haggai Street in the Moslem Quarter, said the whole day was a disturbance to the Arab community.

"They were making a lot of noise, and bothering people," he said. "There are women who are sick, women who couldn't sleep – all night they were bothering us, as if Arabs have no rights in Jerusalem, that Jerusalem is just for them. It's not right. Yes, it's only one day of the year, but it's very bothersome. We have holidays, and we don't bother anyone."



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai lights a memorial flame yesterday at the main Jerusalem Day ceremony on the capital's Ammunition Hill, as Six Day War OC Central Command Uzi Narkiss (center) and then-OC Air Force Mordechai Hod look on. (Brian Hendler)

PA intelligence chief denies murder link

By JON IMMANUEL

At a Ramallah press conference yesterday, Amin Hindi, head of the Palestinian Authority's General Intelligence Branch, denied any connection with the murder of at least two suspected Jerusalem Arab land dealers and the attempted kidnapping of a third.

The kidnapping was prevented by Jerusalem police, who arrested six alleged PA police agents.

Hindi also denied press reports that his force was linked to the six men or that the PA had received a demand to hand over for trial an unidentified officer, accused by Israel of ordering the murders.

Since Israel's decision in March to begin construction on Har Homa in southeast Jerusalem, security cooperation has been strictly limited and this has not changed, said Hindi. If anything, it is in reverse, as the Palestinian security services spend time looking over their shoulders for Israeli intelligence agents.

Meanwhile, the Arabic daily *Al-Quds* yesterday caused a stir by reporting that Israel wants to extend control of education to Jerusalem schools across the Green Line, which have come under PA influence with the waning of Jordan's role.

At a press conference in Ramallah, Ahmed Qurie, speaker of the PA Legislative Council, said such a step would contravene a letter of assurances from then foreign minister Shimon Peres to the late Norwegian foreign minister Jorgen Holst in 1993.

The PA is also upset about the increasing rate of Jerusalem identity-card confiscations by the Interior Ministry on grounds their Palestinian holders had adopted foreign citizenship or resided abroad. Often this meant when they had moved just outside the city for housing they could not find in Jerusalem, while they still worked or studied in Jerusalem.

This has led to threats by PA officials and legislators against Arab workers at the Interior Ministry offices opposite Damascus Gate. However, Palestinian sources in Jerusalem close to the PA say hundreds of Jerusalem ID holders are now streaming back into the city and restoring old properties to ensure they have a Jerusalem address.

They also say the murder of land dealers is generally popular.

Jay Bushinsky adds:

The Foreign Ministry is conducting a worldwide information campaign about the premeditated murders of Palestinian land dealers in the hope the international community will condemn them as blatant violations of human rights.

"These crimes cannot be glossed over in silence," a senior ministry aide said, "and should be protested with the same degree of vehemence with which organizations like Amnesty International assail other violations of human dignity and personal security."

ANALYSIS

Peace process is in deep trouble

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu aims to go on with the peace process, while pointing an accusing finger at the Palestinian Authority as the instigator or sponsor of the contract murders of three Arab land dealers.

But these grisly events present a new obstacle to the resumption of bilateral negotiations. And Netanyahu's newly-disclosed outline of his minimal territorial demands is liable to deepen the gap dividing the negotiators. The instant rejection voiced by Palestinian leaders was the first sign that more diplomatic trouble may lie ahead.

The murders were brought up during Egyptian peace envoy Osama el-Baz's talks with Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy, prompted a formal protest by Israel's negotiating team, triggered an international media campaign, and churned up angry rhetoric on both sides.

The underlying hypothesis of the Netanyahu-Levy protest – that an administration that sanctions or condones politically motivated assassinations is not a worthy partner for peace – implies that the PA has disqualified itself.

Official Palestinian pronouncements that the three slayings by hit teams based in the West Bank or Gaza Strip are an "internal" matter, in which Israel must not meddle, do not augur for a consensus on this issue.

And the predictable refusal to extradite the highly placed Palestinian suspect could turn into a diplomatic booby trap.

Simple logic evidently is inapplicable here. One might argue that if Israel was not enlarging existing settlements or establishing new ones, there would be no need to purchase additional tracts of land, no need for Palestinian middlemen or real estate brokers, and no resort to bloodshed.

But this line of reasoning presumes that first-degree murder is an acceptable mode of human behavior, which it is not, or that business transactions can be foiled on irrelevant grounds such as the race, religion, or nationality of the parties.

In short, the peace process is in even deeper trouble than it was when the bulldozers began working on Har Homa and will need the intervention of a latter-day King Solomon to rescue it.

CONTRACT

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Senior Elbit executives, including company president Joseph Ackerman, were not in the country and the spokeswoman would not say where they are.

Israel entered the bidding for the upgrade of the Polish-designed Huzar helicopter in 1994. The Poles said the upgrade would involve avionics, missiles, and fire-control systems.

In December 1995, Rafael offered a new missile, the anti-tank NT-D, which according to foreign reports has a range of six kilometers and can be directed to its target by an advanced guidance system. At first, the Poles kept the entire upgrade to one contract, with the Israelis competing against Boeing. Last year, Rockwell International Corp. offered its Hellfire AGM-114 missile as competition to the Rafael NT-D and the Poles decided to split the contract into two – one just for the missile and the other for the upgrade.

In January, Poland's prime minister and defense minister visited the country and watched a demonstration of the NT-D. In an interview with The Jerusalem Post, Defense Minister Stanislaw Dobrzanski said that Rafael was chosen to provide the missile as the Rockwell bid was entered beyond the deadline. The missile contract is said to be about $300 million.

Rockwell, which by that time had merged with Boeing, protested and US officials urged Poland to reconsider. At one point, Israeli defense sources said, Boeing-Rockwell offered Rafael a deal. It would allow Rafael to keep its contract if the upgrade competition were awarded to the US-led consortium. The losers would have then been Elbit, which was being accused in the Polish media of bribing the Czech government into being awarded an upgrade contract, and El-Op.

El-Op's Toren expects US competition to increase in future bids with the recent mergers of major contractors, such as Lockheed Martin and Boeing-McDonnell. "Once you see these companies, it's not the same world," he said.

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Newly elected Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak visits the Western Wall yesterday. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

Barak makes victory rounds

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

New Labor Party leader Ehud Barak made his victory rounds yesterday.

He visited the grave of Yitzhak Rabin, then arrived at the Western Wall in the midst of Jerusalem Day festivities. It appeared to be a personal visit to say thanks, a public show of Labor's link to nationalism, and a chance to shake hands the day after his party victory.

"There is no place more worthy than this to come to today," he said. "The Western Wall is for all of us. There are few places on the map of Israel and the map of Jewish history that unify all the hearts of the Jewish people."

Barak wouldn't admit that he came to say thank you, but said it was an appropriate day to come.

"I come here because it excites me, it's Jerusalem Day. By coincidence, our elections were the day before Jerusalem Day, but I come here also to say that we, the Labor Party, are also part of the Jewish people. The Western Wall is for all of us, all the Jewish people, and we believe in the continuity of the Jewish people, the tradition of the Jewish people, and the unity of the Jewish people."

Barak said he had spoken to Shimon Peres after his victory, and the two had exchanged cordial greetings.

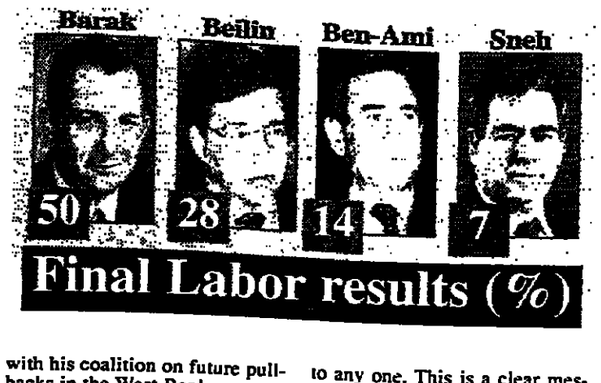
"He told me something that I already knew, that I was taking a heavy burden of responsibility upon myself."

After he approached the Wall and posed for the photographers, Barak walked among the crowd, shaking hands.There were a few hecklers, but mostly words of encouragement.

After he left the Wall, Barak said his request had been that the Jewish people be given "the spirit of unity, that we overcome all our differences of opinion, and with the help of God return to the strength that we once had throughout all the generations – one people, responsible for one another."

Barak to set teams to deal with issues

By SARAH HONIG



Labor Party Chairman MK Ehud Barak announced yesterday that he does not plan to join a national unity government or to form a shadow cabinet, but that he will set up "action teams" that parallel the government ministries.

Barak announced this yesterday afternoon, shortly after the official leadership primary results were released. Barak got slightly more than 50% of the vote, while MK Yossi Beilin came away with 28.5%, Shlomo Ben-Ami with 14.2%, and Ephraim Sneh, 6.6%. Some 70% of the 166,000 registered party members voted.

Barak did best in kibbutzim, moshavim and the Arab sector. The kibbutz movement is Labor's largest membership sector, with over 30,000 eligible voters.

Beilin supporters let it be known yesterday that their man regards himself as Labor's No. 2 and that he will not yield this position to MK Haim Ramon.

There is "no reason to enter into a national unity government," Barak said. "Nothing has changed on this score. This is not a government which should be strengthened but one which should be brought down – the quicker the better."

But sources around Barak did not discount the possibility of such a government if Netanyahu runs into trouble with his coalition on future pullbacks in the West Bank.

Barak said he would hold "a series of consultations" with his primary rivals and with his supporters and "all other forces in the party, with an eye to setting up a leadership teams and crews to tackle specific areas of interest. All forces and factions in the party will be duly represented. There is no intention to leave anyone out or to deprive anyone."

Barak has asked for an audience with Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

Beilin yesterday said he will not demand a specific quota of representatives for his side in every party forum, as has been the party's practice in the past, but he will insist that his group not be overlooked.

He let it be known last night through his supporters that he has no intention of relinquishing the leadership of his power base to any one. This is a clear message to Ramon, who never concealed his desire to reassume control of the dovish wing of Labor, which he considers his.

Liat Collins adds:

MK Walid Sadek (Meretz) is asking the leaders of the Arab community and other Arab MKs to seriously consider running their own candidate for prime minister in the next elections.

Sadek said Barak's stand on both foreign relations and domestic issues are unclear. He said the Arab community should not automatically throw its support behind the Labor Party candidate for the premiership.

"Experience has taught us to rely only on ourselves and take an active and central role in the political game," he said. "We must make it clear to the Labor candidate that the Arab vote is not in his pocket."

Police raid stolen parts warehouse

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Judea and Samaria police raided a stolen car-parts depot in Nahalin west of Bethlehem early yesterday morning, arresting two Palestinians and two Israelis.

According to police spokesman Opher Sivan, the warehouse held an inventory of hundreds of mechanical and electronic parts worth an estimated NIS 2 million, which had been stripped from some 200 stolen vehicles.

Police and IDF troops, supported by a helicopter hovering overhead, took part in the raid. They broke into the warehouse, catching one 16-year-old Palestinian boy in the middle of taking apart a stolen car and two Israelis – a Tel Aviv man, 47, and a Petah Tikva man, 35 – loading stolen parts into their own cars.

"The place was like a pharmacy," said Sivan. "Every part was marked and stocked on shelves."

The warehouse owner, a Nahalin resident, 38, was also arrested. Police found two forged passports in his possession, one Jordanian and one Palestinian, each containing different particulars, said Sivan.

The spokesman added that the warehouse served as a center for purchasing and selling stolen parts for the entire central region, often by request. Stolen parts could be ordered from the depot, whose car thieves would steal a suitable vehicle and drive it to the outskirts of the village, where another team would strip it within minutes and add the parts to the inventory. Non-usable metal parts were sold as scrap in Israel, Sivan added.

NEWSLINE

With Eyal Arad, of Arad Communications, political strategist for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in the 1996 election.

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

If you were Ehud Barak's adviser, how would you advise him to transform his primary victory into a victory in the general election?

First, he has to seize control of the party; winning a primary is not the same as controlling the party. He needs to rally the party around him, control it, and reshape it to his needs. That's step one.

Then, he needs to create an agenda for the party, set priorities. Third, he has to figure out how to distinguish himself from Binyamin Netanyahu. If he simply tries a "Bibi II" strategy, it won't work. Why? Because if Netanyahu is a successful prime minister, there will be no reason to vote Barak. If Netanyahu fails, why would people want to elect somebody exactly like him?

To win, Barak will have to devise a strategy that takes aim at and slices into defined groups of Likud voters; we could be talking about Russian immigrants, Shas voters, or settlers, or middle/centrist/hawkish voters.

Obviously, Barak is going to aim to the political center to steal votes from Netanyahu. What can Netanyahu do to prevent this? The Likud and Netanyahu will be the incumbents in the next elections. Netanyahu first and foremost needs to defend his achievements. If he can deliver on his campaign promise of a "secure peace," if he moves the peace process forward differently than the way Labor did, it will be impossible for Barak to attack him on peace issues.

However, we don't know right now what will be on the mind of the voter. It's too early to tell.

You say Barak needs to take control of his party. Will this be easier for him in Labor than it was for Netanyahu in Likud?

While it is true that in Likud emotions run higher than in Labor, don't forget that Labor is a more structured party with many power centers – the Histadrut, the kibbutz movement, and others. In Labor, there are entrenched interest groups that need to be taken care of and dealt with and are not reformed that easily. Barak will have a tougher job even though the personalities may be cozier. The Likud was always a skeleton party, more of a movement than an organization, so it was easier for Netanyahu to reorganize.

As you watched Barak's campaign take shape and ultimately succeed, did you feel as if he took a page from the Netanyahu strategy book?

Barak learned from our campaign. He copied the good parts, just as we learned and copied from successful campaigns in Israel and abroad. The biggest similarity was the emphasis on the concept of electablity, a push to elect a candidate that is more electable in terms of the competition. This was not Netanyahu's invention, it began with Yitzhak Rabin, and Barak literally copied Rabin's slogan. But there were also big differences.

What's on at the Festival

ירושלים

Jerusalem Theater
Sherover – Ahinoam Nini, 9 p.m.
Rebecca Crown – Nadj dance, *Woyzeck*, 9 p.m.
Plaza – Mimas theater, *Let's Be Friends*, for kids, 5:45 p.m.; Zionist Youth Farm choir, Israeli songs, 7 p.m.
Henry Crown court – Moti Kazari octavists, 8:30 p.m.
Little Theater – Improvisations, Slava Ganelin and friends, 9 p.m.
Foyer – jazz, Voices from the Desert, 10:30 p.m.
Gerard Behar – Second Hand Dance, last show, 5 p.m.
Israel Museum Tent – trumpeter Roy Hargrove, 9 p.m.
Hangar, Talpiot – theater, *Arab Dream* 9 p.m.

Man and his music

Next year, Omar Faruk Tekbilek will give a concert in his native Turkey, for the first time since he left for the US in 1975. His leaving was not politically motivated, but for his music.

He plays world music, both an acknowledged leader in the field and a virtuoso on a variety of native flutes and the Turkish beghlama, a lute like instrument. He is appearing at the Jerusalem International Conference Center tonight in a marathon four-hour concert that features Tekbilek, a Greek ensemble with whom he has played for four years, our own Bustan Avraham, and belly-dancer Orli Portal.

His music draws from the tempos, rhythms, melodies, and sounds of the West and the East. The selections he makes from the different sources, he says, "are not conscious. They blend inside of me. Music is the glue that bonds people together, lets us share what we have in common."

The idea that impels his music, he says, is "that God belongs to everybody. All the world's great religions witness to one God."

Helen Kaye



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in brief

Gingrich: Reopen Pennsylvania Avenue

WASHINGTON (AP) – House Speaker Newt Gingrich says the barriers on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House should come down and the boulevard be reopened to most traffic. Traffic was barred two years ago after the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Gingrich said the Clinton administration and security personnel overreacted. "I would allow any traffic except heavy trucks, and simply make sure that you have police there in case anybody pulls up and stops," the speaker said.

The closing has cost the city about $400,000 a year in lost revenue from parking meters and higher bus expenses.

Amnesty pleads for nurses in Saudi Arabia

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) – Amnesty International begged the brother of a nurse murdered in Saudi Arabia to grant mercy to two women facing public beheading if found guilty in the slaying.

The human rights group pleaded with Frank Gilford to spare the lives of two British nurses being tried in the death of Yvonne Gilford. The body of the 55-year-old nurse was found in her room in Dhahran, where the three worked.

Gilford has so far insisted the women, who allegedly stabbed, beat and suffocated his sister, should be executed if found guilty.

German fire in asylum-seekers house kills 1

BONN (Reuter) – One person died and 40 were injured in a blaze in a home for asylum seekers in the southern German town of Friedrichshafen. Police did not rule out the possibility of arson and said many people were injured in the chaos of trying to escape from the building.

Just over a a week ago, suspected right-wing extremists set fire to a church in the eastern town of Luebeck, prompting politicians and religious leaders to call for a clampdown on extremists.

Chinese mine explosion kills 68

BEIJING (AP) – A gas explosion at a coal mine in northeastern China killed 68 people and left one missing, state media reported yesterday. The May 28 blast was the worst such disaster in 20 years at the mine in Fushun, Liaoning province. The cause of the explosion was under investigation.

Each year, thousands of miners die in accidents at Chinese coal mines, despite constant government calls for stricter enforcement of safety standards.

Iranian tries to torch Norwegian embassy

STOCKHOLM (AP) – An Iranian man dissatisfied with Norway's refugee policies started a fire at the Norwegian embassy yesterday. Firemen quickly put out the fire on Stockholm's fashionable Strandvaegen. Police arrested the man, who started the fire by throwing a bottle filled with flammable liquid at a small building attached to the main embassy headquarters.

Time Warner CEO's son murdered

NEW YORK (AP) – Until Jonathan Levin was killed, many of his friends and colleagues didn't know that the Bronx high school teacher was the son of Gerald Levin, top executive of the Time Warner media empire.

Police found Levin's body in a pool of blood in his apartment on Manhattan's Upper West Side. His feet were bound with duct tape, and he had been shot in the head and stabbed in the chest, police said this week.

A police source said authorities found no evidence Levin was a target for extortion. Instead, they were investigating whether his killing may have stemmed from recent relationships with women, including a co-worker.

Mussolini's last home to be luxury hotel

BRESCIA, Italy (Reuter) – The last residence of Italian fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, a villa near Lake Garda, is to be turned into a luxury hotel, the town's mayor said yesterday.

The 19th century Villa Feltrinelli di Gargano del Garda, where Mussolini lived when he headed a Nazi puppet regime in northern Italy at the end of World War II, will become a 25-room hotel.

The property, which had belonged to the Italian publishing family Feltrinelli, was bought in 1981 by a businessman from the northern town of Brescia.

Communists join French coalition

By FREDERIC NIEL

PARIS (Reuter) – The French Communist Party said yesterday it would join the Socialist government of new Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, the first time it has ruled since 1984.

Party boss Robert Hue said he would not take a ministerial portfolio in the new government so he could devote his energy to running the party. The Communists won the balance of power in Sunday's National Assembly election won by the Socialists.

The Communists, who oppose a single European Union currency and want wage increases for the lowest-paid, said the Socialists had "satisfactorily" taken Communist views into account in defining the new government's policies.

Jospin aides have said the Communists will get two ministries in the new left-wing government. It will be the first time in 13 years that the Communists have held cabinet posts. After serving under president Francois Mitterrand from 1981-1984, the Communists accused him of betraying the Socialist ideal.

The end of the Cold War further disoriented the once Stalinist party.

The Socialists and Communists signed a pre-election declaration in April outlining plans to cut the working week to 35 hours from 39 without loss of pay and to create 700,000 youth jobs. But the Communists want both measures implemented faster than the Socialists.



Robert Hue (AP)

The Communist party won 38 of 577 National Assembly seats in Sunday's parliamentary election. The non-Communist left won 274 seats – short of the 289 needed for a majority.

Hue remained silent yesterday on what conditions he posed as the price for joining Jospin's government. Jospin repeatedly said during the campaign that leftists wanting to take part in a Socialist-led government would have to bow to the Socialist line.

Hue spoke to Jospin Tuesday and reiterated demands for an immediate increase in the minimum monthly wage and a cut in value added tax.



Pope calls for unity with Jews

A bishop checks his watch as he waits for Pope John Paul II to arrive at a mass in the Polish city of Kalisz yesterday. At the end of the Mass, the pontiff gave a special welcome to three Polish bishops who survived Dachau and called for unity between Poles and Jews. Referring to the cemeteries of Nazi victims that cover Poland, he said: "May those places unite Poles and Jews, because we are waiting together for the day of judgment and resurrection." About 3.5 million Jews lived in Poland before the war, but only a few thousand remain. *(Reuter)*

Turkish 'copter crash kills 11

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (Reuter) – A Turkish helicopter on a cross-border mission against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq crashed yesterday, killing 11 military personnel including two high-ranking officers, security officials said.

Officials from the emergency rule governor's office in the southeast Turkish city of Diyarbakir said the Cougar troop carrier went down in Iraq's mountainous Zap region. It was not clear what had caused the crash.

Eight of the crash victims were officers, two of them high ranking, officials said.

At least 10,000 Turkish troops, backed by air power, have been in northern Iraq since May 14 in pursuit of Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) rebels who use the region as a base to launch raids into southeast Turkey.

Pro-Kurdish television said there was heavy fighting in northern Iraq with the PKK launching counter-attacks against the Turkish army and their Iraqi Kurdish allies and retaking a strategic mountain peak from the army.

Iraqi opposition sources say the rebels shot down two Turkish helicopters earlier in the operation. "It seems [the PKK] have anti-aircraft missiles and they know how to use them," an Iraqi source said.

Ankara has previously acknowledged the loss of one helicopter because of what it says was a technical fault. The sky was clear over neighboring southeast Turkey yesterday morning.

Iraq's Kurds, protected from Baghdad by Western air power, took hold of the north of the country after the 1991 Gulf War.

Turkey says its forces have killed more than 2,000 rebels in the operation so far, but it has not given regular figures for government losses. The rebels say they have killed 791 men from the opposite side – Turkish soldiers, their allies in a "village guard" militia and guerrillas of Iraq's Kurdistan Democratic Party.

A leading PKK member this week threatened worldwide attacks against Israeli and US targets if the two countries continued to "support Turkish massacres against Kurds."

Algeria tense on eve of election

ALGIERS (AP) – Algeria moved toward legislative elections meant to give the military-backed regime an aura of democratic legitimacy after a five-year cycle of violence.

Only the soldiers posted throughout the port city of Algiers, awash in the Mediterranean sun, hinted at the stakes in today's elections for Algeria's first multiparty parliament.

But the shadow of the 1992 vote, canceled in a coup to thwart victory by Moslem fundamentalists, was ever-present – in campaign speeches, in newspapers and in bombs that shook the capital three times in two days this week, killing nearly two dozen people.

Some 40 parties were fielding candidates in the elections for 380 parliamentary seats. Leaders of the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front are jailed or in exile.

In the final day of campaigning Monday, the president of the newly-formed National Democratic Rally lambasted the "paradise and roses" scenario offered by the Salvation Front in the last parliamentary vote.

"Instead of roses, we found chopped off heads," Abdelkader Bensalah said at a meeting in the eastern city of Skikda. "Do we have the right to make the same mistakes as in 1991? No."

The Salvation Front had promised an end to rampant corruption and social justice for the legions of unemployed trapped in a system that favors the rich and well-connected.

A Moslem insurgency to win back stolen votes grew into a spiral of violence between militants and security forces, now marked by village massacres and indiscriminate bombings. More than 60,000 people are thought to have been killed.

The National Democratic Rally, formed three months ago, is widely considered to bear the political banner of President Liamine Zeroual, a retired general elected in November 1995 after heading one of several transition governments.

Their main opponents are moderate Islamic parties and so-called "democrats," parties fiercely against both political Islam and the current power structure.

"We don't think the elections will end violence," said a Western diplomat. They could be "a road to building national consensus."

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Swissair withdraws chocolate wrapped as gold bars

GENEVA (AP) – Swissair has stopped passing out chocolates wrapped as gold bars in deference to Jewish passengers sensitive to Switzerland's links to the Holocaust, a spokesman said yesterday.

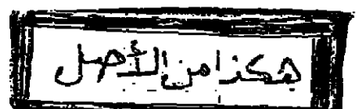
Jean-Claude Donzel said the wrapping was "a little disturbing" in view of the current review of neutral Switzerland's dealings with the Nazis.

US Commerce Undersecretary Stuart Eizenstat said in issuing a report on the war last month that some of the real gold bars that Switzerland bought from Germany during the war were made from rings and dental fillings taken from Jews killed in concentration camps.

Donzel confirmed a report in the weekly *Sonntagsblick* that said the airline decided to stop distributing the gold bars last month after Eizenstat's report on the war.

The gold bars, which were meant to refer to Switzerland's long tradition of a strong currency backed by gold reserves, had been given with coffee to business-class passengers in Europe for several months, Donzel said.

The daily *Tribune de Geneve* said the airline had substituted chocolates with wrappers commemorating 50 years of trans-Atlantic Swissair flights.





Ramat Aviv Gimmel stars Gal Namir and Galit Ankori make their modeling debut with Eti Kav's spring/summer collection. (KavKav)

FLAIR

Sales which are not quite bargains

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Several stores have already begun to advertise summer sales, but sales here are rarely the bargain-hunters' paradise that they are in Europe or the US. An exception is Honigman's, which last month put out a NIS 9 grab bag in which many of the items were either stained, discolored or blemished in some other way. But there were nonetheless some really good finds for those who had the perseverance to keep burrowing.

At the opposite end of the price scale is Eti Kav. Kav, who showed off her spring/summer collection at what is technically if not climatically the end of the season, has some skirts and jackets for NIS 350 each. But in general, her price range starts at NIS 550 and moves up to NIS 2,500 for a dress or NIS 1,700 for a jacket.

Kav is a minimalist who likes to tell her fashion story through shape and color, without resorting to unnecessary trappings. Hers is a modular wardrobe of color coordinated separates in which strongly contrasting light and dark colors are brought together – and it works.

While the collection, with its slim-cut but loose fitting, bare-shouldered dresses and jauntily flared jackets stands well on its own, Kav, like so many designers, resorted to gimmickry for her show. In addition to top models Galit Gutman, Dorit Farkash, Revital Mor, Ronit Yudkovitch, Yamit Noi and Miriam Einborn, she had television personalities parading the runway as well. Galit Ankori, who stars in *Ramat Aviv Gimmel*, made her modeling debut, and was joined by Gal Namir, who also features in *RAG* (which, all things considered, was an appropriate acronym). Also modeling was *Wheel of Fortune* hostess Sigal Shahmon.

Kav works with Italian imported silks, cottons and viscose, and her palette is dominated by orange, apple green, lemon, royal blue, burnished browns, black and white.

Kav's style could best be defined as casually classic – in other words casual enough to be worn to any informal affair, yet sufficiently flexible (with a change of accessories), to be suitable for more formal occasions.

Her daywear is a little problematic for women who prefer knee-grazing hemlines or longer, but otherwise it's vibrant and eminently wearable.

For the ultra fashion-conscious who do most of their shopping in Tel Aviv's Kikar Hamedina and Gan Ha'ir, the summer sales will still be expensive since few of those international designer labels sell for under NIS 1,000 and some are bargains even at double that price. The latest international brand name available here is Gucci.

Caveat Emptor will return next week.

TRAVEL

Affordable dining in Paris

By DANIEL ROGOV

When people ask why I write so often and in such glowing terms about Paris, the answer is simple: like the journalist A.J. Liebling, who also lived in Paris for many years, "if I compared my life to a cake, the sojourns in Paris would represent the chocolate filling and everything else would be plain English cake."

Another reason that I love Paris so much is that despite rumors to the contrary, it has always been possible to dine well in Paris without spending a fortune.

In addition to having a list of inexpensive restaurants, one should note that nearly all restaurants, no matter how prestigious they are, are less expensive at lunchtime than at dinner. This does not mean that they serve inferior food at lunchtime. It does mean, however, that because lunch is rarely as ceremonial or as drawn-out as dinner, they can offer one or more reasonably priced "*menus a prix fixe*," fixed-price menus that include an hors d'oeuvre, main course with vegetables and dessert at lower prices than during the evening.

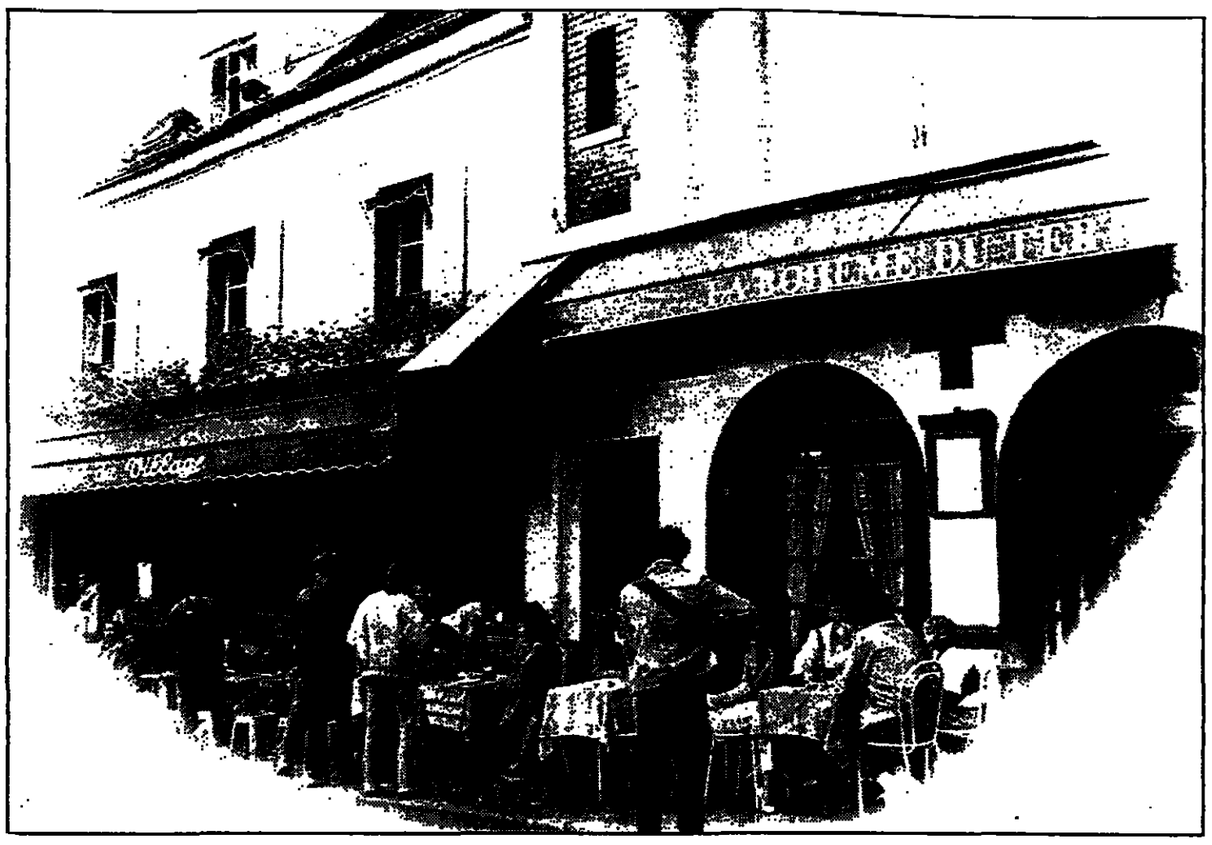
The following list includes several of my favorite Parisian restaurants. Some are well known, others are relatively obscure, but at all of them, one can dine marvelously for under 150 francs (NIS 90) per person.

Chez Jenny: 30 blvd. du Temple, Paris 3. The woodwork in this traditional brasserie will delight you as will the very special country-style choucroute garni, which is one of the best you will find in France. Also be sure to try the grilled sausages that go so well with ice-cold pitchers of Alsatian beer that are served. Ask about the Alsatian wines that are available, often at amazingly low prices.

Au Pied de Cochon: 6 rue Coquillière, Paris 1. This ancient establishment is the heart of nostalgia for many. Its etchings of the old Les Halles, its warmth and its relaxed atmosphere make it worth visiting. For best value for money, dine on the grilled meats Saint-Antoine, the beef steaks, the andouillettes and the choucroute garni. This is one of the few restaurants in the city that is open 24 hours, every day.

Brasserie de l'Ile Saint-Louis: 55 quai de Bourbon, Paris 4. Like the ambiance, the food here is Alsatian and charming. The onion tart here is a gift from the gods and the choucroute garni is excellent. For dessert, the plum tart is unbeatable.

Auberge des Deux Signes: 46 rue Galande, Paris 5. This attractive inn, facing the gardens of the church of Saint-Julien-le-Pauvre and with a view of Notre Dame Cathedral, features the cuisine of Auvergne. In addition to classic dishes such as mushroom tart, pigeons with peas and fresh herbs, and rabbit stew, be sure to try the house specialty, fish mousse with lobster puree.



In Hemingway's footsteps: Many Paris restaurants – including one favored by Ernest – offer a good meal for less than NIS 90. (R. Nowitz)

Allard: 41 Rue Saint-Andre-des-Arts. Paris 6. This truly great bistro is one of the few remaining institutions with sawdust-covered floors. I have eaten here often and highly recommend the cassoulet, veal stew, leg of lamb, coq au vin, navarin printanier beef with carrots and duck with turnips. For dessert try the magnificent chocolate Charlotte.

Chez Maitre Paul: 12 rue Monsieur-le-Prince, Paris 6. Many people come to this small but charming restaurant to feast on the marvelous selection of wines and cheeses that is always available. Others come because the liver in red wine sauce, the fillet of veal in Jura wine and the walnut cake are wonderful.

Lipp: 151 blvd. Saint-Germain, Paris 6. Open since 1920, this was the brasserie that Ernest Hemingway adored. My favorite pastime here is to order the meal that Hemingway made famous: cold potatoes in garlic and oil, cervelat sausages and beer. Also special are the Baltic herring, blanquette of veal, beef a la mode, cassoulet and choucroute garni. Dining upstairs is more expensive, so be sure dine on the ground floor.

Le Petit Zinc and Le Muniche: 7 and 11 rue Saint-Benoit, 22 rue Paris- 6 (corner Guillaume Appollinaire). These sister brasseries were located for many years on rue du Buci. Their move several years ago did not harm the quality of their cuisine at all. The oysters, sausages in pastry, sauerkraut with fish, homemade preserved duck and choucroute garni are all worth trying.

Le Procope: 13 rue de l'Ancienne-Comedie, Paris 6. Founded in 1686 by Italian ice-cream maker Francesco Procopia, this is the world's oldest operating cafe. If you take a table on the second floor you may be sitting at the same table where Diderot, Voltaire, Rousseau, Napoleon Bonaparte, George Sand, Benjamin Franklin, Karl Marx or Robespierre once sat. Especially worth trying are the duck with pasta and veal with lentils. My personal favorite here is a meal that starts off with escargots bourguignonne, continues with steak au poivre and concludes with a cherry tarte. The house wines are excellent.

Brasserie Flo: 7 cours de Petites-Ecuries, Paris 10. Some call this 1900s establishment the "mother of all brasseries," and its faithful and fashionable clientele comes to this lovely place for its charm, and its well-known good value for money. The choucroute garni, the fresh foie gras, the salmon with sorrel and the pot-au-feu are all superb here. Be sure to order the house wine by the pitcher.

Julien: 16 blvd. du Faubourg-Saint-Denis. Whether one calls this unusual establishment a brasserie or a restaurant is unimportant. The 1890s decor, the pop art and the overall high quality of the food always draw a nice crowd. Try especially the goose cassoulet, the terrine of turbot and the calves' liver with blackcurrant vinegar. Order your wine by the carafe.

Au Rendez-Vous des Chauffeurs: 166 blvd. de Grenelle, Paris 15. There is nothing fancy about this small bistro but the people who come here are always delighted with the ambiance and the food. Try the duck with turnips, lamb with lentils and beef tongue.

Chez Georges: 273 blvd. Pereire. Paris 17. Situated in a house built in the time of Charlemagne, this little restaurant serves classic dishes, some of the best of which are mutton with potatoes, pot-au-feu, boeuf bourguignonne and navarin printanier. There is always a good selection of wines available by the carafe.

Gerard: 4 rue du Mail, Paris 2. This basic local bistro is a favorite among journalists (especially those from *Le Figaro*) and people in the world of fashion. Among my favorite dishes here are the green salad with bacon, the cold beef salad, the hot sausages, the pot-au-feu and the calves' liver with vinegar.

Ambassade d'Auvergne: 22 rue de Grenier-Saint-Lazare, Paris 3. Lots of wood, a large fireplace and the overall rustic setting are clues that the food here is going to be representative of the country-style cuisine of Auvergne. The cured and smoked meats here are all exceptionally good but the very best dishes offered are the mountain ham, the stuffed cabbage and the smoked trout. Be sure to ask about the house wine from Auvergne.

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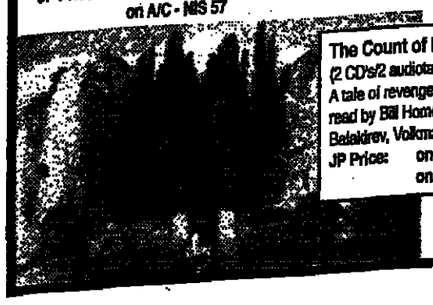
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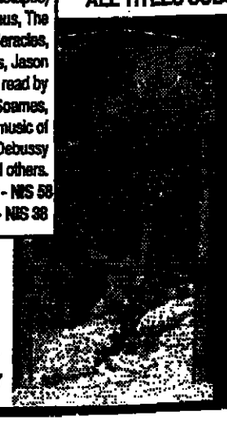
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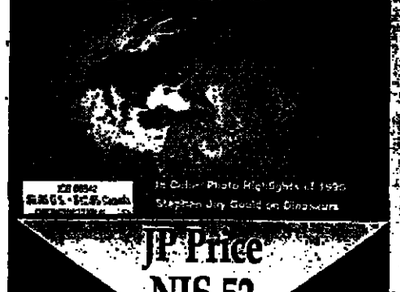
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El Al privatization takes off

Despite a host of political objections raised within the coalition, the government has every reason to proceed with the sale of El Al, as recommended this week by a government-appointed committee. In addition to the immediate benefit of the sale itself, a bold and successful public flotation of the company, which lost $80 million last year, will be the most tangible statement the government has made regarding its intentions to privatize a long list of state-owned companies. That message, in turn, will be welcomed by a business community desperately seeking signals that conditions are right for jump-starting the slumping economy and getting it back on the road to growth.

The case for privatization – that private interests are far better at allocating resources and providing consumer services than slow-moving governments subject to political patronage – is by now so familiar and so much a part of a broad consensus that it sometimes requires effort to understand why nationalization was so enthusiastically embraced in the middle of this century.

To the generation which had lived through the Great Depression and World War II, it seemed that only government control of the key large-scale industries in the economy could ensure that the common individual would be protected from the extremes of the business cycle. The government, representing the will of the people, was to place the social welfare of employees and citizens above narrow business interests.

But there was an additional reason for nationalization, which related to a sense that the large industries should reflect national interests and the nation itself. Nowhere was this more evident than in the airline industry. The air traveler of 30 years ago selecting an airline was in effect choosing which flag would be flying over the plane. The airlines were all national carriers – such as BOAC, Air France, and El Al – each representing their respective nations.

Historically, of course, nationalization gave way to privatization because the losses and inefficiencies of state-owned companies, along with the opportunities for corruption they offered, became too much of a burden. It is an incontrovertible fact that the most advanced economies today are those leaning on private industry rather than state-owned companies. The international airline industry, now deregulated and extremely competitive, reflects the new economic realities. As El Al spokesman Nahman Kleiman points out, "in Europe all the airlines that have become independent are making profits, but all the government-held companies are still in debt."

The clearest case in point is Great Britain, where Labor's Tony Blair won the election by adopting a platform of maintaining the privatization policies of the previous Tory governments – policies that have boosted Britain into the front ranks of the economies of the world, beyond most of its European neighbors. British Airways was losing some $900m. prior to privatization. After the UK government wiped out its debts and publicly floated its shares, British Airways became the leading profit-making airline in Europe.

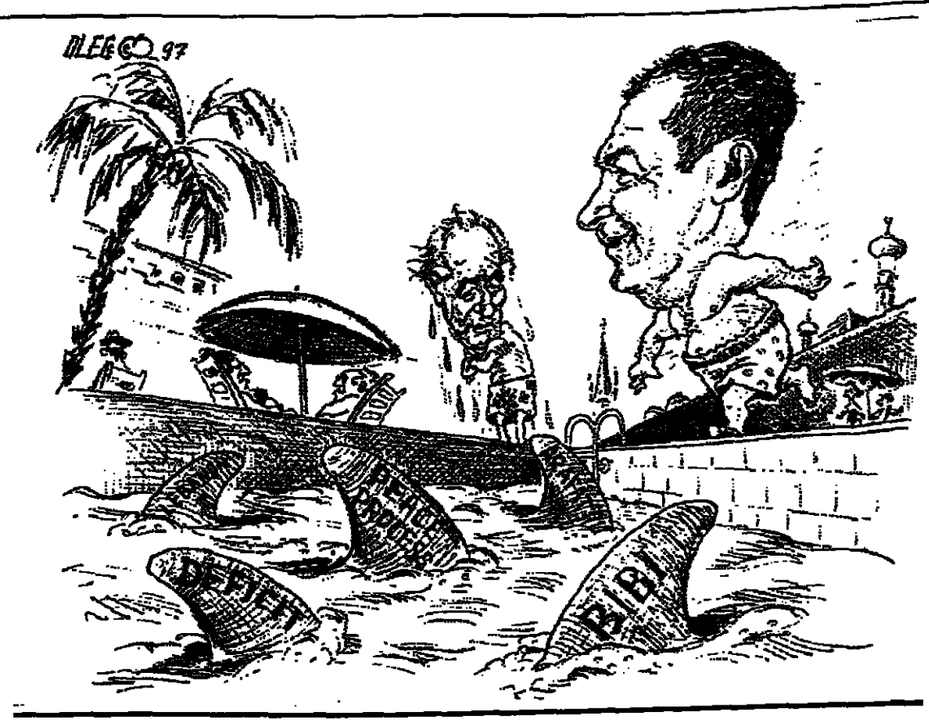
It was thus no coincidence that the committee on El Al privatization – comprising Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's economics adviser, Moshe Leon, Government Companies Authority Director-General Tzipi Livni, and Transportation Ministry Director-General Nahum Langental – selected British Airways as its main model for El Al privatization. Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy even traveled to England to study the British Airways model first hand.

The recommendation the committee produced is praiseworthy, taking into account economic needs and the special security considerations of an Israeli airline. The proposal includes a public flotation of 100 percent of El Al shares on the TASE in a single share issue. This is preferable to a split issue, widening the range of interested parties as well as the yield on the sale. The proposal also calls for the continuation of government involvement in guaranteeing security on El Al flights, which has always been a major draw of El Al.

The committee had to face two major problems in composing its final proposal. The first is common to many companies facing privatization: ensuring that past promises to workers be kept. The committee wisely recommended that a solution regarding the worker's compensation fund at El Al, amounting to $200 million, be formulated before the sale of shares. Although high worker compensation for lay-offs might push away some potential buyers, it is important to have these issues resolved as early as possible, and to win employee support for the sale. It is also significant that the committee recommended that employees be eligible for purchasing El Al stock, giving them tangible partnership in the company's profits and decisions.

The second problem involved in selling El Al is a uniquely Jewish one: Levy has stated that he is opposed to the committee's recommendation that future buyers of El Al should not be beholden to its current policy of not operating on Shabbat. This view hearkens back to the old view of airlines reflecting the nation, and indeed Levy has said that, "even after being privatized, El Al has to protect the national character by not flying on Shabbat." This position, however, misses the point: after privatization El Al will belong to its owners, not the nation or the government, which will no longer be responsible for its operations.

The compromise proposal – that even if El Al flights take place on Shabbat the total amount of Shabbat traffic at Ben-Gurion Airport be limited to its current level – might enable some members of the coalition to vote in favor of the committee's recommendation without feeling responsible for causing any additional Shabbat violations. But it should not obscure the fact that, after privatization, it will be the right and responsibility of El Al's shareholders to determine the airline's flight schedule.



Sacrifice of a spy

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

The CIA's obsession, verging on the psychotic, that Jonathan Pollard harbors the identities of Israeli "moles" even now burrowing deep into the heart of American intelligence, is a major reason for the US administration's determination never to let Pollard out of prison.

The unfairness of Pollard's life sentence is so blatant that the European Parliament, normally no friend of Israel, called on the US three years ago to release Pollard without delay.

Declared the Strasbourg deputies: "His sentence was grossly disproportionate for a spy acting for a friendly power." The parliament added a rider, which no Israeli official has ever had the courage to say out loud: "We are astonished by defense secretary Weinberger, said to have an almost visceral dislike of Israel, sending a message to the trial judge one hour before sentence was passed, requesting the stiffest possible sentence...."

"Why did you do it?" we asked Pollard. He replied: "When I saw a photo of the world's largest poison gas factory being built in Northern Iraq, I asked permission to transmit it to Israel – as the US was obliged to do by prior agreement.

"My chief said no, adding: 'We all know how sensitive Jews are to gas.' That's when I became a spy for Israel."

Although not indicted for treason, but on a much lesser charge, Pollard was accused by his interrogators of treason, of having knowledge of a mole in the CIA.

From Butner prison in North Carolina, where he is jailed among child murderers, drug dealers, serial killers and the like, Pollard told a writer of this column: "They carried out 52 lie-detector tests on me, each time naming some high US official. All were negative. I knew of no mole. I worked only with my four Israeli handlers – Rafi Eitan, Colonel Aviem Sela, Yossi Yagur and Irit Erb."

Weinberger became aware that leading intelligence officer Aldrich Ames had used Pollard as a cover to conceal his own role as the worst CIA traitor ever. Ames made believe that it was Pollard's spying that resulted in an Israeli leak to the KGB, causing the deaths of 25 US agents in Russia.

Ames's arrest embarrassed the CIA. So, to avoid another scandal over its incompetence, it decided to ensure that Pollard stayed in prison permanently – even though he has no knowledge of any moles.

Whenever there is tension between Israel and the US, Pollard's name gets dragged in as yet another example of Israeli perfidy. As foreign policy strategist Gerald Steinberg puts it, "this becomes the killer issue."

Pollard fares just as badly with the Israeli administration and its intelligence communities.

He said: "The only Israeli leader who ever made a real effort to have me freed was prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. In 1996 Rabin reminded the White House of its promise made a decade earlier, that if Jerusalem was muted about my unprecedented sentence I would go free after 10 years."

Rabin told President Clinton in Washington that Israel had lived

The CIA sees Israeli moles everywhere, and Pollard pays the price for its obsession

up to its promise not to spy on the US any more. But he drew a blank. Close associates said the prime minister was preparing a second letter to Clinton shortly before he was assassinated.

Pollard revealed that Shimon Peres promised President Weizman that he would complete Rabin's letter, but nobody heard any more about it.

All Rabin's pressure on the White House achieved was to provoke a knee-jerk reaction from US intelligence: Smear Pollard.

A leak to *Time* magazine "revealed" that a key National Security Agency compendium of communication frequencies used by countries all over the globe and costing billions of dollars had surfaced in Moscow. The insinuation: Pollard and an Israeli mole or moles were the guilty parties. No evidence was ever produced.

Responds Pollard: "I never had access to any cryptographic compendium material at Naval Intelligence. I wasn't even charged with such a crime."

There was a similar "hatchet job" within a week of Pollard's lawyers petitioning the Israeli High Court last month, declaring that Pollard had worked as a Mossad agent. The lawyers sought a temporary injunction challenging the government's official position that he was part of a rogue operation.

Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Israel's ambassador to Washington, recently echoed the official line: "I'm relieved," he said, "by the knowledge that the Israeli government was not involved in a rogue operation."

But denials of state involvement were torn to shreds a decade ago by a Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee under Abba Eban, which pronounced: "The burden of ministerial responsibility devolving on Rabin [involving Pollard] is beyond any doubt. Rabin was defense minister for 14 months of the affair."

A MONTH ago the *Washington Post* "discovered" another pro-Israel mole at work. Although the story of purported Israeli chicanery involving an (innocuous) letter from former secretary of state Warren Christopher to Yasser Arafat was ludicrous, it had a sinister purpose.

The *Post* made a statement to the effect that if its story was true, it was even more serious than "the espionage case involving Jonathan Jay Pollard."

When last month's Pollard petition was brought to the High Court, Israeli security chiefs tried to ban publication of the details. But they had already been aired on TV and radio for a full 12 hours.

Within two days a US prison official warned Pollard "on orders from above" that visits by his Israeli attorney, Larry Dub, were to be restricted, and that he would not be allowed to sign any more documents in Hebrew (which he needed for the High Court action.)

Then, in a matter of days, the *Washington Post* suddenly burst into print with its curious Mega mole story. The coincidence seems extraordinary.

Israel's reluctance to have Pollard's case presented to the High Court reveals just how akin Jerusalem's attitude is to the US intelligence bid to keep Pollard gagged.

It was after Pollard's arrest in 1985 that the National Unity Government turned its back on him. Then prime minister Peres, foreign minister Yitzhak Shamir and defense minister Rabin bowed to Washington's demand to return documents Pollard had sent to Israel. It was a shameful betrayal of an agent.

Arik Sharon's lone voice objected. As he declared last year in an interview: "The cabinet refused to accept responsibility for Pollard's actions. By sending the documents, we doomed Pollard to a life sentence."

Sharon then cited Shamir's response: "A country needs to know how to sacrifice a person."

Israel's present government must do no less than the European parliament. It must speak up boldly for a Jew who served Israel in a major way.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israel Secret Service *and other books on the Middle East.*

30 years

JUDY LABENSOHN

Thirty years ago I made a vow after hearing President Nasser's speech of May 28, 1967. "We intend to open a general assault against Israel," Nasser said. "This will be total war. Our basic aim is the destruction of Israel."

These were no empty phrases. Nasser's words were backed up by armed forces, mines, torpedo boats and artillery.

At that time, I was a college graduate of one month, lying on my parents' couch in suburban Ohio, contemplating my first step into The Future. Even though I was physically safe, watching the developments of May '67 on TV I felt threatened, as if my own survival was at stake.

I reasoned that I personally could not help save the Jewish state from imminent destruction. But I vowed: One day I would have a son who would serve in the Israeli army. He would be my contribution to the survival of the Jewish people.

After Israel's amazing victory, I followed my vow to Jerusalem. While learning the words to "Jerusalem of Gold" and wiping the dust from my eyes, I met a Canadian who was also a dreamer. We married and raised a family in the City of Peace where, we learned the hard way, there is no peace.

Thirty years after the Six Day War, our son and daughter serve in the IDF. The Future is now.

BUT rather than feeling a deep sense of accomplishment for having fulfilled my '67 vow, I often find myself jealous of American Jewish mothers whose children complain about the hardships of Great Books 101.

Even though those mothers suffer along with their children, their families don't have commanding officers ordering their sons to don helmet and flak jacket. Their sons don't encounter stones hurled from slingshots, nor the threat of live bullets, nor Saggers.

Nor do their daughters wonder, as they ride buses four hours a day, if the young man in

I made a vow in Ohio in '67, and I followed it into The Future

the back row clutching an attache case is a sales rep. or a terrorist.

Did I deceive myself? I ask, watching nightly broadcasts about hatred and corruption. Can a life be built on a vow, on a dream – on an illusion of grandeur – on the youthful desire to help save one's people?

Fortunately, I kept the collector's edition of *Israel's Finest Day*, a magazine documenting "the timetable of victory" and *The Jerusalem Post Souvenir Battle Issue* of June 12, 1967.

Rereading these documents makes me relive that life-threatening month of May, and the awesome relief of June; I recapture the feeling that propelled me off my parents' suburban couch and onto Jerusalem's rocks.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban addressed the UN Security Council on June 6, 1967: "In accordance with its inherent right of self-defense as formulated in Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, Israel responded defensively in full strength. Never in the history of nations has armed force been used in a more righteous or compelling cause...."

"There is an intellectual tragedy in the failure of Arab leaders to come to grips, however reluctantly, with the depth and authenticity of Israel's roots in the life, the history, the spiritual experience and the culture of the Middle East...

"Israel... is now willing to demonstrate its instinct for peace. Let us build a new system of relationships from the wreckage of the old. Let us discern across the darkness the vision of a better and brighter dawn."

How that vision inspired! And now, 30 years later, The Future is here, and "the better and brighter dawn" has disappeared. But, sadder than that, the vision has vanished. Across the darkness one discerns only more darkness.

Is this a natural condition of growing older? How can we reach this 30th commemoration of the Six Day War without the feeling that we are being dragged down into despair?

As a dreamer, I have no practical proposals. All I have is a hope based on experience. Just as my own vow was realized 30 years later – amid whatever ambivalence accompanies age – perhaps those words of Abba Eban's that rang true in 1967 can ring true still.

The writer lives in Jerusalem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTIAN SUPPORT

Sir, – As a Christian Zionist, and one who loves Israel and the Jewish people, I write to express my concern over the letter from Lord Hylton in your issue of April 21.

Israel should not go on swapping land for so-called peace, because it is a false and unjust peace; the land of Eretz Yisrael is God-given and only He can dispose of it.

As for trusting the United Nations, the record of that organization shows an anti-Israel attitude that has hardened over recent years. The European Union is likewise no friend of Israel. To sell your birthright for such a "mess of pottage" would be something you would live to regret, or even die regretting.

You are not alone – there are thousands of Christians worldwide who love, support and pray for you.

DON BRASSETT
Golant, Cornwall.

NO PROTECTION

Sir, – We were horrified to learn of the fate of Farid Bashiti, a Jerusalem Arab, who was kidnapped, tortured and murdered. The murder is condoned in statements by Mr. Arafat and other members of the Palestinian Authority who consider it a crime punishable by death to sell land to Jews.

Mr. Bashiti was living and abducted in East Jerusalem. When was it made a crime in Israel to sell land to Jews? Where was the protection of Mr. Bashiti's rights and security by the present government? Where are all of the media headlines screaming in horror at the injustice? Why isn't the government opposition (usually sensitive to Arab issues) taking the present government to task by requesting a no-confidence vote in the Knesset? What other issues could possibly take precedence over this one?

NORMA MARX
Jerusalem.

SOME PEACE

Sir, – Finally, the Labor Party has confessed that it is in favor of a Palestinian state "with limited sovereignty."

Just assuming Arafat at first agrees to this in order to get his way, then disregards the limitations, just as Hitler disregarded the limitations the Treaty of Versailles had imposed on German rearmament, and concludes military alliances with Syria, Iraq, Iran. Clearly, any of these events would be a *casus belli* for Israel. Any Israeli preventive or preemptive steps would immediately be labeled aggression against a member state by some 140 UN members, demanding retreat.

In other words, the peace process invented by Rabin, Peres and Beilin will not only inevitably lead to war, but also prevent or cancel an Israeli victory and threaten Israel's existence permanently. Some peace!

A. KARNON
Tel Aviv.

THE REBBE AND THE GOAT

Sir, – I am sure many recall that fable in which the rebbe instructs his disciple to bring a goat into that man's overcrowded house, so that when he finally removes the animal, he will rejoice at how roomy his house has become.

In much the same way, Prime Minister Netanyahu has jammed a whole herd of goats into the Israeli household. His ham-handed, tactless policies have soured our relations with the US, Europe, the friendlier Arab states and the UN among others, damaged our tourist industry and created an unprecedented level of contempt for government among mainstream Israelis. In the end, the prime minister will end up doing what the previous government agreed to do, except that the uproar and confusion will allow Mr. Netanyahu to claim credit for all the "progress," when in reality he will have only removed from the house the same goats he had previously let in. Unfortunately, the smell of goats and what they leave behind will linger for a long, long time.

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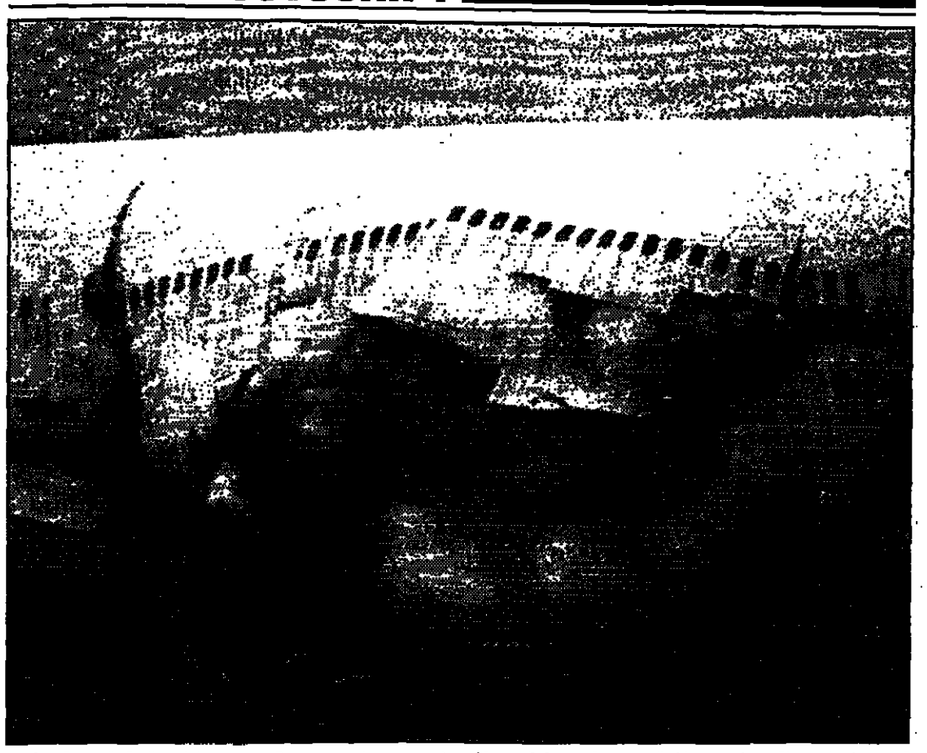
FELLOW CITIZENS

Sir, – Rabbi David Forman's article regarding Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon ("The decent thing," May 19) strikes a discordant note. It would seem that he has forgotten that the people inhabiting the area adjacent to Lebanon are not foreigners as the South Vietnamese were to the Americans, but are in fact fellow citizens of Israel.

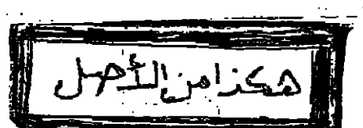
Very often those of us living on the Lebanese border in kibbutzim, moshavim and towns have the feeling that our fellow citizens further south consider the State of Israel to consist of the area bounded by Petah Tikva, Ben-Gurion Airport and Netanya, and consider us to be expendable to the vagaries and treachery of the Hizbullah and its allies, for whom Israel and not the inhabitants of South Lebanon are the declared enemy, all for the sake of so-called "peace and quiet." Only recently our soldiers prevented a sea-borne attack in our area, proving who the terrorists consider to be their enemy.

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Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



This plane is being blown up for a good cause. British and American aviation authorities destroyed the Boeing 747 in a controlled detonation to simulate a bomb going off in the luggage hold. The tests, at Bruntingthorpe, England, were designed to find new ways of making aircraft more bomb-resistant. (Reuter)





Shlomo Bar of "Habrera Hativit" at last year's Cracow Jewish Festival.

Cracow's Jewish revival

The city's annual Jewish Culture Festival opens later this month. Greer Fay Cashman meets the gentile who is at the heart of it.

The question most often put to Janusz Makuch, co-director of Cracow's annual Jewish Culture Festival, is why a non-Jew is so intensely involved with promoting something so Jewish.

In fact, until he was 15, Makuch was not aware of anyone or anything Jewish in his village, some 50 km. from Lublin. Then he met an old man who wasn't Jewish, but who had grown up with Jews and who talked with him about Jewish history and Judaism.

"He opened a door for me," said Makuch, 36. "Suddenly I realized that Jews had lived in my country for a thousand years, and I was completely ignorant of their existence." So he started to read everything he could find about Jews. It amazed him to learn the extent to which Jewish and Polish culture were interwoven. He even started to study Hebrew and Yiddish.

When he left home for Cracow to study Polish literature at the Jagiellonian University, one of the first places he went to was Kazimierz, the city's old Jewish district. He remained fascinated by all things Jewish, and during his search for like-minded Poles he came across Krysztof Gierat, another young student who shared his passion for learning more about the nation within a nation which had all but disappeared.

So enthused were they by Jewish music, theater, literature and philosophy that they decided to organize a Jewish festival, to make other young Poles aware of the culture.

The first festival, held in 1988, when Poland was still under Communist rule, was not an official event, but it was a major triumph because it broke through a barrier of silence. With few exceptions, Communist countries in Europe had discouraged any form of Jewish expression. But Poland was by that time in the throes of political change and Makuch and Gierat believed that it was a risk worth taking.

Their main event was an academic symposium on "Jews and Poles: A meeting of cultures." But there were other events: concerts, exhibitions, theater performances and the screening of all post-war Yiddish films made in Poland – there were a surprisingly large number made right after the war – along with several Jewish films from around the world.

If the first Jewish festival in Cracow was a risk, the second in 1990 was a celebration. Solidarity had by then assumed power and Culture Minister Izabella Cywinska was the festival's official patron.

In 1991, the organizers became more daring and took a Klezmer concert out into the streets. Over 1,000 people, Jews and non-Jews, attended. The 1992 festival was bigger and much more varied. It brought together performers such as the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, Shlomo Bar and Habrera Hativit, and the Men's Choir of the Moscow Great Synagogue.



Ilene Stahl of The Klezmer Conservatory Band.

A new dimension was added to the festival in 1994, with the introduction of creative workshops that offered participants hands-on contact with Jewish culture. They were given the opportunity to learn Jewish paper-cutting, Hebrew calligraphy, traditional eastern European dances and Yiddish singing. The workshops were inspired by similar sessions Makuch had attended in the US.

The 1995 Jewish Culture Festival was the most popular festival in Cracow that year, according to a survey commissioned by the municipality. Last year's festival included a memorial for Yitzhak Rabin presented by Army Radio chief Moshe Shlonski.

The festival is now part of the cultural agreement between Israel and Poland.

This year's festival, which will run from June 29 to July 6, will focus on Jerusalem, while next year's will coincide with Israel's 50th birthday.

Noting that "the Jewish Culture Festival takes place on the largest Jewish cemetery in the world," Makuch recalled that when he and Gierat first launched the project they asked themselves whether they had the moral right to stage a festival in a graveyard. What convinced them to go ahead, he said, was a study of Kaddish, the prayer for the dead, in which there is not a single mention of death.

"We decided that we owed it to a thousand years of Jewish life in Poland. We have to preserve the memory of that world, which no longer exists.

"There are so many young Poles who want to shed the stereotyped image of the anti-semite and to learn about Jewish culture," he added. Moreover, there are many Jews who come to Poland to search for their roots, not just in the ashes of the Holocaust but in the annual renewed vibrance of the streets of Kazimierz.

"What we're trying to do," Makuch said, "is to build bridges among people – especially the young generation – of both countries. I see young people trying to create a new world."



Open-air theater performance at Cracow.

Not Page One



For the llove of llamas

By Sam Orbaum

There's something ... *different* about Consul-General Daniel Lew.

He doesn't glide along in chauffeured limo between luxurious Savyon villa and heavily-guarded Tel Aviv embassy; not Daniel: he lives on a moshav, and the consulate is a converted chicken shed.

Daniel didn't rise through his country's diplomatic ranks to win a plum posting in Israel: he's not a diplomat, and not even from the country he represents.

You won't find him beset by raptly attentive reporters, eager to hear his official views: his country offers no opinions, nobody would care anyway, and the people who call on him are mostly kids.

No attaches bustling about his consulate, no clerks, secretaries or spokesmen. But llots of llamas.

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Meet the consul-general of Papua New Guinea.

Daniel runs the affaires d'etat of PNG from his home in Moshav Ramat Raziel, between Jerusalem and Beit Shemesh. But as honorary consul he is not paid, so, of course, he runs a llama zoo on the side and dabbles in art and publishing, which is pretty much what you'd expect from a lapsed Melbourne lawyer.

The only thing consistent about Daniel is the non sequiturs.

All right then, first things first: why Papua New Guinea?

"I was looking for some place exotic, and ended up there for six years. I met all the wrong sort of people. After independence in 1976, they became the right sort of people. You know, politicians. They didn't forget me."

His weathered, 58-year-old face radiates spunky charm. Here's a guy who just wants to have fun. His wife Sonia doesn't seem to mind.

"So we got here in '87, bought this place and ended up with a chicken business. We hate chickens. For nine years we rented out the shed, but we were looking for a better way to enjoy our moshav property."

A book called *Alternative Farming Lifestyles* led to the obvious solution: no, not llamas; alpacas. Llamas were an afterthought.

Right then: so where does a Melbourne lawyer representing Papua New Guinea on a collective farm in the Judean Hills get llamas from?

South America, of course.

Of course not.

England.

He was leafing through llama magazines (don't say you didn't know there were llama magazines!) when he read about the British Camelid Society. (The very educated say "camelid" where they can say "llama," but truly pretentious llamallollogists llike to say "artiodactyls." Thought you'd like to know.)

Anyway, to cut a lllllllong story short, Daniel and Sonia went off to Llondon and came back on an Ell All 747 with 13 royal subjects: Hal, Oliver, Jack, Lance, Albert, Onslow, Banquo, Yago, Freddie, Ziggy, Pepper and Peanuts.

If camels look like they were designed by a committee, then llamas look like they were designed by a committee appointed by Binyamin Netanyahu. It's an animal that just does not look complete, as if the job was abandoned in the middle: they sketched in four legs and a neck and then resigned.

But that's getting on the beaten track.

Llamas, Daniel explains, are gentle and friendly, they love short people (i.e. children), and each one has a distinct personality though all of them spit (the llamas, that is, not the children).

Visitors feed them, pet them and cart-ride them (the llamas, the llamas!). When kids get tired of the real thing, they can make their own replicas out of clay and llama wool. Spitting images, as it were.

(Are you reading this story very carefully? Bet you didn't notice I only named 12 of the 13 beasts. I left out Lomez, as a test.)

(I also failed to mention Daniel's poodle Monty, who absolutely *hates* llamas.)

After the Melbourne lawyer llama farmer Papua New Guinea consul has poured you the only authentic Papua New Guinean tea or coffee served in bone china in Israel with opera music wafting in from the vicinity of the milk-shake machine, you will naturally be craving a little Haitian culture. You won't have far to go.

It's all under one roofed chicken coop: Haiti arts and crafts for sale on one side, moshav bric-a-brac in a corner, a rack of miscellaneous shmontzes near the display of "exclusive" llama pottery, a technology department consisting of one old typewriter bearing a "NIS 40" price tag ("I'm beginning to wonder if I'll *ever* sell that thing"), and behind the bales of straw (which are next to the dusty consular desk), a magnificent collection of PNG randomalia: figurines, masks, carvings, ritual objects, a drum and a crocodile-ornamented canoe, which no chicken coop should be without.

These last items are called "objets d'art," which enables Daniel to sell them for thousands each, though the naked tribesmen who made them would probably have a good giggle to hear it.

It's an impressive museum-quality collection, though. Daniel couldn't say for sure how old the items are, but he said he could hazard an educated guess: "Let's see. They sat in a Jerusalem warehouse for 20 years before we acquired them, so I could guarantee that everything here is at least 20 years old."

Daniel and Sonia scrape off the llama spit and put on the Ritz a couple of times a year when the occasion arises that the esteemed consul-general of Papua New Guinea and his wife are invited to a diplomatic do. This is always a chancy event for the Lews: the fear that some senseless ambassador might try to wow his guests by serving llama steaks.

Back at the ranch, the Lews are having one of those family squabbles we're all familiar with: Daniel wants to move the 13 llamas into the house in wintertime. It's easy to see why the wife is against it.

"The wife? Nah. She's all for it. It's the poodle who's opposed."

THERE & THEN

The birth of Israel's intelligence community

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

Shai, the precursor of the IDF's intelligence unit, was slow in taking shape. The general feeling of the early settlers was that it was the Mandatory government's task to assure the safety of its citizens. Hence, the public here was shocked when Arab gangs staged bloody "disturbances," killing Jews in 1920, 1921, and even as late as 1929. The public, including those who wanted to lead it, had had no inkling about the moods and intentions of their neighbors.

We can read about it in *Hashai* ("The Information Service"), Asa Lefen's study of the origins of the Israeli intelligence community, just published by the Ministry of Defense and the Galili Center of Hagana History (328 pp).

Lefen was a Haifa architect, who, in the 1940s, aside from being an amateur archeologist, headed Shai's Haifa branch in his free time. Lefen argued that intelligence work, like that of the archeologist, consists of collating all available data on which a theory can be formulated – in the case of Shay, about the enemy's intentions.

Tel Avivian Ephraim Dekel preferred direct information, as did Ezra Danin, the elder son of one of Tel Aviv's founding fathers. Danin had developed close relations with a great many Arab villagers. When a relative of his was killed near Nahalal, Danin privately looked for the murderer in order to avenge his death. The Jewish Agency endowed Danin with a monthly budget of six Palestine pounds, to be distributed among his sources. The sum laterincreased to 45 pounds, but more often than not, Danin, who was a wealthy man, spent money from his own pocket to get the information he wanted. He prided himself on doing his intelligence work voluntarily, insisting he had never been a card-carrying member of Shai.

It was members of Hashomer group who, at the turn of the century, formed the first contiingent of Jewish watchmen. They realized the need for a systematic understanding of the potential enemy. But Hashomer was strictly a clandestine organization; they did not pass the information they came across to other groups in the Yishuv. They were also manifestly left-wing. When, towards the end of World War I, Nili was formed by Aharon Aharonson, a Zichron Ya'acov-based landowner, Hashomer refused to help Nili members who were being pursued by the Turkish authorities.

Hashomer was disbanded after the British conquest of Palestine, and a clandestine group, the Hagana, was created by the Histadrut, the labor organization, to protect Jewish lives when the authorities failed to do so.

The Shai executives were amateurish in their methods. The first course for intelligence officers in the Hagana was held in 1943. Practically all Shai functionaries did it in their spare time, or as a part-time job.

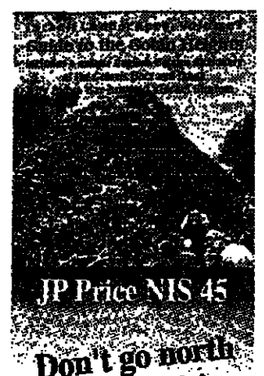
Shai developed an extensive eavesdropping system for telephone conversations – even the secretary of the Palestine Administration was overheard. The main telephone cable leading to Egypt was monitored by Arabic-speaking Shai members, who transmitted the information by urgent messengers to the "Red House" in Tel Aviv from which the heads of the Hagana, including David Ben-Gurion, directed the defense against invading Arab armies.

The Arabs, of course, were the main enemy Shai spied on. But at times, much more attention was paid to "dissidents" – members of splinter groups whose political and terrorist activities undermined the official work of the central Yishuv leadership.

The British, too, were under constant scrutiny by Shai members. The official British attitude was definitely pro-Arab. However, there were quite a number of British officials who helped Jews for ideological reasons. In Haifa in particular, close relations were established with the British to enable them to investigate new immigrants arriving from Nazi-held areas, while the official British policy was to bar immigration.

Lefen, who taught English at the Reali School in Haifa, volunteered to translate for Shai telephone conversations in which British officials were involved. He was appointed to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Intelligence branch of the Israel Defense Forces and appointed head of the High School of Intelligence in Jerusalem, where the principles of Israeli intelligence theory were ironed out. He left the school in 1962 to assume a variety of posts in the Mossad until his death 10 years ago.

Shai, Lefen wrote, has been considered one of the most remarkable intelligence organizations in the world. Lacking old traditional links, like those available to the British or Russian organizations, Shai depended entirely on the resourcefulness and courage of its members.



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BUSINESS

in brief

Japan unveils massive spending cuts

Financial analysts yesterday praised a fiscal reform plan that would trim Japan's massive public debt and cut government outlays for the first time in more than a decade.

The measures, approved at a special cabinet meeting Tuesday, are meant to control spending over the next three years to help meet Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's goal of revamping Japan's fiscal system. *AP*

Health care dispute may be decided today

Top officials in the Finance and Health ministries are scheduled to meet today to end the dispute between them over the funding of health care. "We are going from crisis to crisis," Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz said yesterday after aborting a session on the issue because senior Treasury officials failed to attend.

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza and Finance Minister Dan Meridor were both invited to present their sides of the argument, particularly with regard to increasing the per diem hospitalization fee. However, with Meridor ill yesterday, the finance committee was expecting either State Budget Director David Milgrom or his deputy Haim Peltz in Meridor's stead. Instead, a relatively junior officer, Effie Arbel was sent to the meeting. Arbel only has the power to report and not make decisions.

"We wanted to end the discussion today and decide how to move forward," said Ravitz. In any case, he added, the role of the finance committee should not be to arbitrate between ministries but rather discuss government policies and proposals.

The key issue is the hospitals' request to increase by 10 percent the daily hospitalization fee, payable by the health funds. The funds say they cannot afford this and thus the hospitals say they must reduce expenditure by as much as 20%. *David Harris*

Formula: $500 million in revenues by 2000

Formula Systems Ltd., Israel's largest software company, expects its revenues to increase more than 200 percent to an annual $500 million by the year 2000, company chairman Dan Goldstein said. Based in Herzliya, the holding company's 16 subsidiaries provide tools ranging from solutions to the millennium change problem, airport transportation control systems and diagnostic software. The TASE-traded company will begin listing American Depository Receipts on the Nasdaq over-the-counter stock exchange within the next month. *Jennifer Friedlin*

Donor gives Technion $30m. for new school

William Moshe Davidson has donated $30 million to the Technion to establish a school for management of high-technology industry. The ceremony was held at the Technion yesterday. The school, the first of its kind in the world, will grant a master's degree in business administration for students seeking a management career in international business. *Judy Siegel*

Solel Boneh oversubscription highest since TASE crash in '93

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Solel Boneh Building & Infrastructure Ltd., Israel's largest construction contractor, yesterday recorded the most heavily oversubscribed offering on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange since the 1993 crash.

The 4,000 mostly local orders for the NIS 83 million sale of a combination of shares, bonds and options resulted in an aggregate NIS 3.7 billion of orders placed.

"We thought it would be successful but not that successful," said Yair Fudim, director-general of Lider Underwriters Ltd., which managed the sale.

The company, valued at NIS 470m., intends to reinvest its newly raised NIS 83m.

Fudim said Solel Boneh decided the timing of the IPO was right due to the company's financial situation and the current state of the stock market.

"The results of the company are good, and the situation in the stock market has improved considerably," he said.

Solel Boneh reported net income of NIS 60m. in 1996 and NIS 21m. in the first quarter this year.

The company builds complex projects in sectors such as housing, health care, education, tourism and defense, and is also involved in civil engineering projects and road and transportation construction.

American entrepreneur Ted Arison owns 22 percent of Shikun Uvinui, Solel Boneh's parent company.

Earlier this week, home furnishing retail chain Beitili announced that its initial public offering on the TASE was 55% oversubscribed. The company raised NIS 10m.

Analysts said the two companies' successful IPOs reflect the current upswing in the stock market.

"This is a good sign for the stock market," said Noam Tepper of PacMed. "It's a cycle; once the market picks up, companies can start making money."



Germans reach revaluation deal

German Finance Minister Theo Waigel, sitting in the Bundestag next to Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel (center) and Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said yesterday the government and the Bundesbank had reached a common language and way of proceeding on a planned revaluation of central bank assets. Earlier in the day the German press called for Waigel's resignation after he apparently retreated from a plan to revalue the reserves to help Germany qualify for Europe's single currency. (Reuter)

Study: Internet phones to cost Bezeq $31m. by 2001

By JUDY SIEGEL

Bezeq stands to lose $31 million in its overseas dialling services by the year 2001 due to the growing use of electronic mail and Internet telephone connections, according to the first-ever analysis of the Internet's threat to telecommunications companies worldwide.

The analysis released yesterday by Phillips Tarifica, a London-based telecommunications consulting group, explained that these companies will lose out because the user is charged a local call rate while he links up with people worldwide.

Tarifica's figures on revenue loss forecasts for European and American telecommunications companies were released earlier last week. Its analysts predict that AT&T's international dialling revenue could erode by $350m. in the year 2001.

There are some 12 million Internet users in the US, and the figure is expected to nearly quadruple in four years.

Deutsche Telekom could suffer the most: a predicted loss of $176m., followed by Telecom Italia with $161m. and France Telecom with $94m. in losses.

According to the latest analysis of Middle Eastern and Asian countries, Tarifica said the Third World telecommunications firm that stands to lose the most is VSNL of India, with some $59m. in losses. Telkom South Africa will lose a predicted $47m., followed by Bezeq's $31m. and Etisalat (of the United Arab Emirates) $30m. in the year 2001.

This news comes a few weeks before Bezeq International's monopoly on overseas phone call services is broken with the launching of Barak and Golden Lines services on July 1. Prices of international calls are expected to drop significantly.

Asked to comment on the predictions, a Bezeq spokesman said the company is in the middle of organizational restructuring and planning for entering new telecommunications media, including the Internet and e-mail.

Workers to vie for El Al ownership

By DAVID HARRIS

El Al workers and management agreed this week to establish a company that will attempt to buy a controlling stake in the airline when it is floated on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange next year. All 3,400 staff will be able to join the company.

There are two main reasons behind the staff scheme: it will ensure job safety or full severance pay, and the workers hope to have the final say on issues such as operating on Shabbat and security.

With 1996 losses of $80 million and company general manager Yoel Feldschu predicting further losses this year, the workers remain convinced the only way the company can successfully compete is by operating a full seven-day timetable.

The workers say their plan is based on the highly successful sale of the US carrier United Airlines. United has been able to compete successfully with its North American rivals while at the same time attempting to safeguard workers' best interests.

The actual mechanism of the United buyout, however, is different to that anticipated with El Al.

"The [El Al] workers' decision is a useful first step," said New York financial expert Michael Glanzer of Glanzer, Potok & Co., who helped the United workers in their takeover. "From the outside it appears as though the company has very significant problems during a relatively healthy time in the market. These problems need addressing."

Meanwhile, the workers said Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy is playing a game by saying he is opposed to El Al flying on Shabbat after privatization. "Levy isn't a fool; he knows there's no choice," workers committee chairman Michael Kochavi said. "At the moment he has to be careful about what he is seen to be saying."

Earlier this week the government-appointed committee on the company's sale issued a blueprint for privatization which stated the government will not be able to stop Shabbat flights once the company is sold.

"I don't believe this will come up for discussion in the Knesset or government, in the next few weeks or months," a Levy confidante said. "In a year or so, we'll begin the serious discussions on Shabbat."

He we would neither confirm nor deny the idea that Levy would consider resigning over the issue, which threatens to tear the coalition apart.

'Trade deficit of food industry to rise 35%'

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The food industry's trade deficit is expected to widen this year by approximately 35 percent due to increased exposure to foreign goods and a decrease in local production, Manufacturers Association food division chairman Abraham Ben-Moshe said this week.

"Thirty five percent of large factories in the industry have signed some sort of strategic agreement with a multinational in the past two to three years," he said.

Many multinationals halt local production activity and, therefore, drive down exports, he said.

The 1997 trade deficit is expected to total $290 million, compared with $215m. last year and $139m. in 1995.

According to Manufacturers Association figures, imports are expected to rise 9% and exports increase 0.3%.

CPC International, the world's eighth largest food producer, became the latest multinational to enter Israel when it bought 24.5% of Koor Industries's holding in February. The purchase increased CPC's holding in Edible Products to about 85%.

Nestle now has a 40% holding in Osem, Danone owns 20% of Strauss Dairies and Unilever PLC controls 50% of Strauss' ice cream business.

Ben-Moshe said Israel's attitude toward the international consolidation trend is hypocritical, because while the country welcomes foreign multinationals, local conglomerates are often prevented from gaining control of Israeli companies.

"When local companies want to concentrate, they are told they can't because that would make them a monopoly," he said.

Meanwhile, the government is also going too far in liberalizing its import policy, Ben-Moshe said.

Whereas many countries, particularly in Central Europe, still subject Israeli goods to taxes, Israel has lifted import duties on products form these countries.

"We are exposing the Israeli economy to imports from Third World countries that have no trade agreements with us," he said.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.750	5.000	5.375
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	4.000	4.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.625	1.625	2.125
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.625	0.750	1.000
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (4.5.97)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.6675	3.7257	—	—	3.6892
U.S. dollar	3.3532	3.4376	3.32	3.48	3.4180
German mark	1.9536	1.9852	1.92	2.02	1.9725
Pound sterling	5.5305	5.6198	5.43	5.70	5.5564
French franc	0.5793	0.5887	0.56	0.60	0.5847
Japanese yen (100)	2.9085	2.9565	2.85	3.00	2.9339
Dutch florin	1.7367	1.7648	1.70	1.79	1.7528
Swiss franc	2.3438	2.3817	2.30	2.42	2.3624
Swedish krona	0.4355	0.4426	0.42	0.45	0.4397
Norwegian krone	0.4734	0.4811	0.46	0.49	0.4769
Danish krone	0.5130	0.5213	0.50	0.53	0.5176
Finnish mark	0.6522	0.6628	0.64	0.68	0.6591
Canadian dollar	2.4576	2.4973	2.41	2.54	2.4797
Australian dollar	2.5721	2.6136	2.52	2.65	2.5900
S. African rand	0.7564	0.7686	0.68	0.77	0.7630
Belgian franc (10)	0.9469	0.9622	0.93	0.98	0.9552
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7762	2.8210	2.72	2.87	2.8019
Italian lira (1000)	1.9904	2.0226	1.95	2.06	2.0064
Jordanian dinar	4.7718	4.8488	4.71	5.03	4.8318
Egyptian pound	0.9600	1.0500	0.96	1.05	1.0590
ECU	3.8154	3.8770	—	—	3.8497
Irish punt	5.0278	5.1089	4.94	5.18	5.0574
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3137	2.3511	2.27	2.39	2.3342

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THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

Tender 10/97 - Cost Analysis of the Communication Systems in Government Ministries

Bids are invited for conducting an analysis of the cost of the telephone communications systems in government ministries and all affiliated offices throughout Israel.

The winning contractor will be required to analyze the telephone expenses of all the offices of the client ministry regardless of their location.

The tender includes conducting a survey and analysis of the telephone communications systems in every government office, in order to facilitate a comparison of billing records from Bezeq and the mobile telephone companies so that recommendations regarding possible economies within the maintenance of the communications network may be formulated, and that payments currently being made may be verified.

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6. The contractor must have an appropriate computer system for carrying out the survey which meets the requirements stated in the tender specifications.
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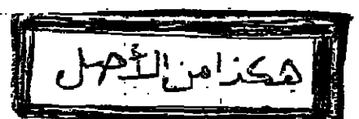
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AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	43.625	+0.25
Ampal American Israel	5.25	+0
Etz Lavud	6.125	+0.1875
Etz Lavud Cl A	4.75	+0.3125
Integrated Technology	1.375	+0.125
Carmel Containers Sys	9.75	0

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
Accent Software	1.8125	+0
A.G. Associates	5.25	-0.5
Aladdin	10.75	-0.375
Ampal	15	0
Aral	1.375	+0
Arzam	1.1875	+0
Better Online Solutions	4.75	+0
Bio Technology General	13.375	-0.75
B.V.R. Technologies	6.75	+0.125
Checkpoint Software	27.25	+0.625
Cimatron	5.625	+0.3125
Comverse Technology	44.75	+0.75
Crystal Systems Solutions	24.875	-0.25
Fourth Dimension Software	10.875	+0.1875
D.S.P. Communications	11.75	-0.1875
D.S.P.G. Group	14.375	+0
D.S.P.T. Tech	5.625	+0
Defense Software Systems	5.1875	-0.25
ECI Telecom	24.625	+0.625
Eduscft	6	+0.25
Electric Fuel	7.625	+0.75
Electronics for Imaging	41	+1.3125
Elbit Computers	2.9375	+0
Elron Electronics	14.1875	+0.4375
Elbit Medical Imaging	6.46875	-0.03125
E.S.C. Medical Systems	28.875	-0.0625
Elbit Systems Ltd	10.375	-0.125
Elsk Circuit Boards	3	+0
Elbit Vision Systems	10.875	+0
M-Systems Flash Disk	6	-0.125
Gilat Satellite Networks	33.125	+0.625
Genesis Bnia	5	+0
Geotack	4.5	+0.0625
Healthcare Technologies	0.40625	+0
Home Center	5.5	0
I.C.T.S.	7.25	-0.625
Idan Software Industries	0.5	+0
IIC Industries	44	-0.25
I.I.S. Intelligent info	1.5625	+0
Israel Land Develop - ADR	14	0
Indigo	5.375	-0.125
First Israel	14	-0.625
Isramco	0.59375	+0.0625
Laser Technologies	14.125	+0
Lan Optics	6.0625	-0.125
Logal	2.875	0
Level Systems	16.625	+0
Madge	6.6875	-0.25
Magal Security Systems	4.75	+0.125
Matav	18	-0.125
Media El	6.375	+0.25
Memco	18.125	+0.125
Mercury	16.875	-0.75
Magic Software Enterprises	6.25	+0
Netmanage	3.25	-0.0625
Nice Systems	30.375	-0.25
Neuro-Medical Systems	6.375	+0.3125
Nur Tecnology	1.1875	+0.0625
Nexus	-	-
Orbotech	29.875	+0.625
Orckit	13.25	-0.625
Oshap Technologies	7	-0.25
Pharmos	1.71875	+0
Rada Electronics Ind	2.28125	+0
Ariely Advertising	2.875	+0
Eshed Robotec (1982) Ltd	0.84375	-0.09375
Scitex Corporations	10	+0.0625
Silicom	5.5	-0.625
ISG Intl Software Group	13.375	+1
Summit Design	8	-0.25
Sapiens International	4.625	+0.3125
Scanvec	2.5	+0
Taro Vit Ind	7.5	+0.0625
Tat Technologies	1.59375	-0.03125
Technomatix Technologies	30.75	-0.375
Teva	61.125	-1.5
Top Image Systems	4.5	+0
Teledata Communications	31.5	+1.3125
Tower Semiconductor	13	+0.125
Tadiran Telecomm	18.625	+0.25
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	5	+0.25
TVG Technologies	1.125	+0
Vocaltec	6.875	+0.25
Wiz Tec Solutions	7.3125	-0.4375
Zag Industries Ltd	15.5	+0.25
Zoran Corporation	21	+0.5

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Blue Square	17.25	+0
Elscint	8	+0
PEC Israel Economic Corp	23.25	+0.125
Koor	18.125	-0.125
Simula Inc	18.25	-0.25
Tadiran	28.75	+0

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MISHTANIM LEADING 100 TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Al Paper Mills	14817.0	0.0
Ackerstein Ind.	448.0	1.6
Africa Hotels	495.0	-0.8
Africa Israel 0.1	24634.0	0.5
Africa Israel 1	192763.0	-0.2
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	0.0	0.0
Agan	9020.0	1.5
Agis	4010.0	1.8
Azorim	4202.0	0.7
Bank Leumi 0.1	539.0	-0.2
Baran	2791.0	2.2
Bezeq	929.0	1.5
Blue Square	3659.0	0.5
Bromine	2261.0	-2.0
Caniel	3265.0	0.0
Clal Computers	11511.0	-2.3
Clal Electronics	45626.0	-0.2
Clal Industries	1762.0	-0.7
Clal Insurance	3850.0	-2.0
Clal Israel 1	107.5	-0.9
Clal Trade	1132.0	-0.8
Cold Storage 5	8465.0	0.0
Dead Sea Works 0.1	1217.0	0.0
Delek 0.1	10884.0	-0.5
Delek Car	644.0	0.8
Development Mort.	27788.0	0.2
Discount 01	41.2	0.0
Discount Bank	370.0	-1.1
Discount Inv.	29932.0	-0.5
Elbit 0.003	1013.0	-0.3
Elbit Imaging	2177.0	-0.2
Elbit system	3623.0	0.8
Elco	3040.0	0.8
Electra	16524.0	-1.5
Electra App.	2615.0	1.2
Elite Ind. 5	9023.0	-1.8
Elron 0.003	4698.0	-1.2
Export Inv.	1389.0	0.0
FIBI 5	67635.0	0.0
Feuchtwanger 5	51278.0	0.0
First Int'l 1	53243.0	0.0
First Int'l 5	288022.0	0.0
Formula	5848.0	0.0
General Bank	11720.0	0.5
Hapoalim 0.1	783.0	-1.0
Harel Mishmar 5	17744.0	-1.5
I.D.B. Dev.	8518.0	1.0
I.D.B. Holdings	8003.0	0.0
ILDC	1606.0	-1.8
Ind Bldgs	542.0	-2.2
Israel Chemicals	427.0	0.5
Israel Corp. 1	21658.0	0.2
Israel Corp. 5	92673.0	0.5
Isramco	4.1	5.1
JEC	1655.0	-4.0
Kardan 5	1854.0	0.0
Kitan	486.0	2.5
Koor	31014.0	-0.7
Koor Bond 5	134.5	0.0
Leumi Insurance	244.0	-1.6
Leumi Mortgage	101598.0	0.0
Lipaz	2923.0	1.0
Makhteshim	2302.0	2.8
Malibu 5	5842.0	2.7
Maritime Bank	1741.0	-0.2
Mashov	333.0	-0.3
Matab	3109.0	0.3
Mehadrin	10594.0	-2.0
Middle East Tube	458.0	0.0
Mishkan	62506.0	2.0
Mivtach Shamir	2042.0	-0.2
Mofet	188.5	-1.5
Mul-T-Lock	1005.0	0.0
Nice Systems	10580.0	0.5
Ormat Industries	407.0	-2.6
Osem Industries	1915.0	1.5
Ozar Hashilton	15403.0	0.0
Packer Steel	8674.0	0.0
Periclase	1581.0	0.0
Petrochemicals	2200.0	0.0
Phoenix Ins. 1	4329.0	0.0
Poalim Inv.	14240.0	-1.5
Polgat B 4	910.0	-3.5
Prop & Bldg.	27586.0	-0.7
Rogosin	2277.0	0.0
Salt Industries	856.0	1.5
Secom	387.0	-0.5
Shekem	118.5	0.0
Supersol	1112.0	-1.5
TAP	368.0	-1.9
TAT 5	1869.0	0.0
Tadiran	9828.0	1.0
Tambour	699.0	0.0
Team Computers	6307.0	0.0
Telshot	280972.0	0.0
Tzuza insured	145.5	0.0
Teva	21278.0	-0.5
United Steel	261.0	-1.1
Urdan	345.0	-2.8
Wire and Cables	1382.0	3.5
Ytong Industries	1002.0	3.0

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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

NEW YORK

	LAST	CHANGE*
Alza	29.25	-0.375
AMP Inc.	39.875	-0.625
AMR Corp	97.625	+0
ASA	32	+0
Abbott Labs	62.875	-0.375
Advanced Micro	38.75	+0
Aetna Life	101	+1.875
Affiliated Publ.	19.5	+0.5
Aflac	50.75	+0.375
Ahmanson (HF)	41.5	+1.25
Air Prods	77.125	-2
Alberto-Culv B	27.375	-0.125
Albertson's	36.125	+1.375
Alcan Aluminum	36	-0.25
Alex & Alex	-	
Allegheny Power	26	+0
Allied Signal	75.875	-0.25
Alcoa	73.875	-0.75
Amax	37.875	-0.75
Amdahl Corp	9.75	-0.5625
Amerada Hess	54	-0.125
Amer Brands	-	
Amer El Power	40.5	+0.125
Amer Express	68.5	-1.25
Amer Genl Corp	44.375	+0
Amer Greeting	38.75	-0.125
Amer Home Pr	74.75	-0.375
Amer Intl	137	-0.5
Amer Natl Ins	83	-2
Amer Power Conv	23.375	-0.3125
Amer Stores	45.875	-0.625
Amer T & T	35.125	-0.75
Ameritech	65.5	-1
Ametek Inc	23.25	-0.125
Amgen	62.5	-0.125
Amoco	90.75	-0.25
Analog Devices	24.5	-1
Anheuser-Busch	41.25	-0.25
Aon Corp	48.25	-0.5
Apple Computer	16.625	-0.0625
Applied Magnetics	24.25	+0.25
Applied Materials	62	+0.4375
Archer Daniels	19.75	-0.125
Armco	3.75	+0
Armstrong World	68	-0.625
Asarco	30.75	-1.375
Ashland Coal	27.625	-0.25
Ashland Oil	47.625	+0
AST Research	5.21875	+0
Atlantic Richfld	147.875	-1.25
Auto Data Pro	47.75	-0.625
Autodesk	36.25	-1.25
Avery Dennison	37.625	-0.25
Avnet Inc	61.75	-0.5
Avon Products	63.125	+0.25
Bairnco Corp	7.5	+0.375
Baker Hughes	38.5	-1
Ball Corp	29.375	+0
Baltimore Gas	25.625	-0.25
Banc One Corp	43.5	-0.5
Bandag	49.125	-0.75
BankAmerica	119	+0.5
Bank of Boston	72.75	-0.25
Bank of New Yk	42	-0.75
Bankers Trst NY	86.5	-0.125
Barnett Banks	52.75	+0.875
Battle Mount Gd	5.875	-0.125
Bausch & Lomb	40.875	+0.5
Baxter Intl	51	+0.25
Bay Network	22	-0.375
Becton Dickinson	49.25	-0.125
Bell Atlantic	71.25	-0.125
Bell Industries	18.875	+0.25
BellSouth	44	-0.625
HA Belo Corp	38.25	+0
Beneficial Corp	64.5	+0.125
Bethlehem Steel	10	+0.25
Beverly Entprs	14.5	-0.125
Biomet	17.625	-0.4375
Black & Decker	36.5	-0.25
Boeing	107	+2.125
Boise Cascade	37.25	-0.25
Bowater Inc	47.875	-0.875
Briggs & Strtn	51.5	+0.125
Brist Myrs Sqb	73.125	-1.75
Brit Airws ADR	113.875	-0.125
Brit Steel ADR	25.125	-0.125
Brit Telecom	73.125	+0.5
Brooklyn Union	27.75	-0.375
Brown Group	18.125	+0.125
Brown & Sharpe	13.75	-0.5
Browning Ferris	33.875	-0.125
Brunswick	29.875	-0.25
Burlington Nthn	83.75	+0.25
CBS Inc	28	-0.125
CMS Energy Corp	33.5	-0.75
CPC Intern	85	+0.375
CSX Corporation	51.875	-1.125
Cabot Corp	25.5	+0.375
Campbell Soup	45.625	-0.5
Capital Cts ABC	71.25	+0.125
Carolina Pwr Lt	34.5	+0.125
Carpenter Tech	45.125	+0
Caterpillar	98.125	+1
Centerior Energy	10.375	-0.25
Centex Corp	39.75	-0.25
Central & SW	21	-0.125
Ceridian	38.25	-0.125
Champion Intl	48.375	-0.5
Chrng Shoppes	5.40625	+0.09375
Chase Manhattan	96.625	-0.375
Chevron Corp	72	+0.625
Chiquita Brands	15.375	-0.25
Chrysler	32.375	+0.125
Chubb Corp	60.625	+0.125
Cisco	64.0625	-0.6875
Citicorp	115.125	-0.375
Clevld Cliffs	42.25	-0.25
Clorox	126.75	+0.875
Coastal Corp	51.125	+0
Coca Cola	66.75	-1.125
Coca Cola Ent	21.5	+0.125
Colgate Palmolv	60.75	-0.25
Comcast Corp A	17.4375	-0.5
Compaq	98	-2
Compute Ass Int	53.5	-0.75
Computer Sci	78.125	+0.125
Conagra	59.875	+0.25
Cons Edison	29	+0
Cons Freightwys	31.75	-0.5
Cons Nat Gas	53.375	+0
Cons Rail	115	0
Cooper Inds	51.625	+0
Coors (Adolph)	25.375	+0.25
Corning Inc	50	-0.125
Crane	41.125	+0.5
Crompton Knowles	22.875	-0.375
Crown Cork Seal	56.375	-0.625
Cummins Engine	62.875	-1.5
Curtiss-Wright	57.5	-0.375
Cypress Semicon	13.375	+0
Cypress Mineral	25	-0.125
Cytec Indust.	38.375	-0.875
DQE	27.5	-0.125
Dana Corp	36.875	+0
Data General	23	+1.375
Dayton Hudson	50.75	+0.75
De Beers	35.875	-0.125
Deere	52	+1.125
Delm Pwr & L	17.125	-0.125
Dell Computers	104.75	-3.375
Delta Air Lnes	91	-2
Deluxe Corp	31.375	-0.125
Detroit Edison	26.375	-0.125
Dial Corp Del	16.375	-0.25
Diebold Inc	39.25	+0.625
Digital Equip	35.75	+2.25
Dillard Dep St	34.375	+0.125
Disney (Walt)	79.875	-0.75
Dominion Res	34.25	+0
Donelley (RR)	37.5	-0.125
Dover Corp	58.5	+0.875
Dow Chemicals	83.375	-0.75
Dow Jones	39.625	-0.25
Dresser	35.375	-0.375
DSC Comm	24.375	-1.0625
Duke Power	44.875	-0.25
Dun & Bradst.	25.625	-0.25
Du Pont	107.75	-0.375
E G & G Corp	19.75	+0
Eastern Ents	34.75	+0
Eastman Kodak	83.25	-0.875
Eaton Corp	80.375	-0.125
Echlin Inc	32.375	-0.375
Emerson Elec	53.375	+0
Engelhard Corp	21.625	+0
Enron Corp	40.25	-0.25
Enserch Corp	21.375	-0.25
Entergy Corp	26.875	+0.375
Enzo Biochem	16.125	+0.25
Ericsson	35.375	-0.5
Ethyl Corp	9.5	-0.125
Exxon	60	+0.125
Exxon	60	+0.125
FMC Corp	73.5	+0.375
FPL Group	45.25	-0.25
Fedders Corp	6.625	+0.125
Federal Express	53.125	+0.125
Federal Mogul	29.375	-0.125
Fed Nat Mtge	44.25	-0.25
Fieldcrest Can	19.125	-0.125
First Bank Sys	82.375	-0.25
First Chicago	58.75	+0
First Union	86	-1.125
Fruit of the Loom	33.625	-0.5
Fst Union Rlty	13.125	+0
Fleet Finl Grp	61.875	+0.25
Fleetwd Enterp	28	+0.125
Fleming Cos Ok	18.875	-0.375
Florida Prog.	28.625	-0.125
Fluor Corp	53.25	+0.25
Food Lion Inc	6.6875	-0.03125
Ford Motor	37.625	-0.375
Foster Wheeler	39.375	+0.25
Freeport McMor	14.875	-0.25
Galoob Toys	17.75	+0
Gateway 2000	-	-
GATX Corp	56.125	-0.75
GTE Corp	45	-0.125
Gannett	93.25	+1.125
Gap Inc Del	33.125	-0.625
Gencorp	21.875	+0.125
Gen Am Invest	22.375	+0
Gen Dynamics	74	+0.25
Gen Electric	60.75	+0.125
Gen Mills	60.75	-0.375
Gen Motors	56.625	-0.25
Gen Motors H	55.5	+0.125
Gen Public Util	34.5	+0
Gen Reinsurnce	173.75	-0.875
Gen Signal	43.625	+0
Gen DataComm	8.875	-0.125
Genuine Parts	33.25	-0.375
Georgia Pac	86.625	-0.5
Gillette	87.5	-0.875
Glaxo ADR	38.5	-0.75
Golden W Finl	68.25	+0
Goodrich (BF)	43.625	-0.25
Goodyear Tire	56.625	+0.125
Grace (W&R)	51.875	-0.25
Grainger (WW)	79.5	-1.125
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27.125	-0.25
Grt Central Mine	5.9375	+0.125
Grt Western Finl	48.75	+1.375
Halliburton	81.375	-0.25
Hanna (MA)	23	-0.125
Harcourt	47	-0.75
Harley Davidson	45.625	+0.25
Harnischfeger	43.25	+0.125
Harrah's Ent	18.625	-0.125
Harris Corp	87.25	-0.625
Harsco Corp	38.25	+0.125
Hartmax	6.875	+0
Hasbro	27.75	-0.4375
Hecla Mining	5.75	+0
Heinz (HJ)	43	+0
Helix Technol	39	+0
Hmrch & Payne	58.25	-1
Hercules	45.875	-0.625
Hershey Foods	54.125	-1
Hewlett Packard	51.375	-0.5
Hilton Hotels	29	+0.5
Hirsch Int	22.25	+0.5
Hollinger	11.875	+0
Home Depot	63.25	+0.5
Homestake	13.25	-0.125
Honeywell	73.625	+0.25
Hormel (Geo)	25.125	+0
Household Intl	97.875	-0.375
Houston Inds	20.375	-0.125
Humana	23.375	-0.25
IBM	83.25	-1.125
Illinova Corp	20.625	+0.125
Illinois Tool	49	-0.75
INCO	32.125	-0.25
Ingersoll Rand	55	-0.125
Inland Steel	25	+0
Intel Corp	142.5	-2.5
Intergraph	7	+0
Interlake	3.875	+0
Intl Fmly EntB	31	+0.125
Intl Flav & Fr	43.875	+0
Intl Multifoods	27	-1.125
Intl Paper	47.375	-0.75
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KLA Instruments	46.875	+0.625
Kennametal	40.375	-0.5
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KeyCorp	54.5	-0.375
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King World Prod	36.625	-0.375
Knight Ridder	43.625	+0.5
Kroger	26.875	+0.5
LSI Logic	38.625	-1.625
Legget & Platt	40.25	+1.125
Leucadia Natl	29.75	-0.125
Lilly (Eli)	93.125	+0.875
Limited Inc	19.5	-0.125
Linear Technol	48.5	-2.0625
Lincoln Nat	62.125	+0.375
Litton	46.375	+0.25
Liz Claiborne	45.5	+0.25
Lockheed Corp	92.25	+0.5
Loews Corp	98	-0.75
Lone Star	40.125	+0.5
Long Island Lt	23	-0.125
Longs Drug Strs	24.125	+0
Loral Corp	16.625	-0.125
Louisiana Land	52.625	-0.375
Louisiana Pacif	19.25	-0.125
Lowe's Co Inc	38.25	-0.125
Lucent Tech	62.625	+0.125
Lubrizol	37	-0.125
Madge	6.6875	-0.25
MCI Commun	38.375	+0.5625
Mallinckrodt	38.25	+0.25
Manor Care	30	+0.875
Mapco Inc	32	+0.5
Marriott	57.25	-0.875
Mrsh & McLn	133.5	-0.875
Marvel	2.25	+0
Masco Corp	38.375	-0.375
Massmutual Corp	39.125	+0
Mattel Inc	29.875	+0.125
Maytag Corp	28.25	+0
McDermott	27.75	+0.125
McDonalds	47.875	-0.75
McDonnell Dgles	65	+0.875
McGraw Hill	55.25	+0
McKesson Corp	75.875	+0.75
Mead Corp	63	-0.625
Medtronic	74	+0.375
Mellon Bk	45	+0.25
Mentor Graphics	8.15625	+0.21875
Mercantile Strs	53.875	-0.125
Merck Inc	89.25	-0.75
Meredith Corp	26.625	-0.5
Merrill Lynch	51.875	-0.625
Micron Technol	40	-0.5
Microsoft Corp	119.188	-2.875
Millipore	43.25	-0.375
Mine Safety App	63	+1.375
Minnesota Mine	89.75	-1.625
Mitchell Energy	23.125	+0.375
Mobil Corp	140.75	-0.25
Mobile Telecom	13.1875	+0.375
Molex Inc	34.75	+0
Monarch Macht	7.875	+0.25
Monsanto	42.75	-1.125
Morgan (JP)	108	-0.875
Morningstar Grp	27	+0.25
Morton Intl	32.25	-0.375
Motorola Inc	65.375	-0.375
Murphy Oil	48.25	+0.875
Nacco Inds	50.875	-0.125
Nalco Chemical	37.125	-0.5
Nashua Corp	11.875	+0
Natl City Corp	50.5	+0.5
Natl Semi	28.125	-0.125
Natl Serv Ind	44.25	-0.25
NatWest Bank	71.375	-0.125
Navistar Int	17.75	+0.875
Netscape	31.625	+2.03125
New England El.	34.5	-0.125
News Corp	17.5	-0.25
NY State El Gas	21.5	+0
NY Times A	46.375	+0.3125
Newmont Mining	36.75	-0.875
Niag Mohawk	8.5	+0.25
Nicor Inc	34.5	+0.25
Nike Inc	55.5	+0.125
NL Industries	12.875	-0.375
Noble Affil	43.125	-0.375
Nokia	65.125	-1.75
Nordstrom	47.875	-0.5625
Norfolk Southrn	97.25	-0.125
Northeast Util	9	+0.125
Novell	7.625	-0.125
Nthn State Pwr	48	-0.5
Northrop	82.75	-0.625
Norwest Corp	53.625	+0.375
NSI	6.375	+0.3125
Nynex Corp	54.375	-0.375
Occidental Pet	23.5	-0.125
Ogden Corp	19.5	-0.125
OEA	38	-1
Ohio Casualty	41.3125	-0.1875
Ohio Edison	20.75	+0
Olin Corp	40.875	-0.5
Omnicom Group	59	+0.5
Oneok Inc	30.25	-0.5
Oracle Systems	46.6875	+0.1875
Oryx Energy Co.	23.125	-0.375
Oshkosh Bgosh	16.875	-0.125
Outboard Marine	14.75	+0
Overseas Ship	18.375	+0.625
Owens Corning	42.375	+0.75
PHH Group	-	
PNC Financial	42.25	-0.25
PPG Industries	58.25	-1.125
Paccar Inc	43.25	-1.5625
Pacificorp	20.125	+0
Pac Enterprises	32.875	+0.125
Pac Gas & Elect	23.125	-0.25
Pac Telesis	-	
Pall Corp	23.5	-0.125
Panh Eastern	46.625	-0.375
Parker Drilling	9.875	-0.375
Parker Hannifin	53.375	+0.25
Penney(JC)	50.875	-0.5
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	19.875	-0.125
Pennzoil	58.375	+0.125
People's Energy	35.25	+0.25
Pepsico	35.875	-2.25
Perkin Elmer	74.375	-1
Pfizer	101.875	-0.25
Pharmacia & Upj	34.625	-0.875
Phelps Dodge	83.25	-2.625
Philadel Elec	19.5	-0.125
Philip Morris	41.375	-1
Philips Elec	60.25	+2.5
Phillips Pet	44.25	+0.375
Pioneer Hi Bred	69.625	-1
Pitney Bowes	70	-0.625
Policy Mgt Sys	49.625	+0
Polycom	3.6875	+0
Potash Corp	81.375	-0.375
Potomac El Pwr	22.75	+0
Procter & Gamble	138.25	-1
Pub Svc Enterpr	24.625	+0
Pug Snd Pwr	24.875	+0.125
Quaker Oats	40	-0.25
Qualcom	46.625	+0.0625
Quanex Corp	27.5	+0.25
RJR Nabisco	30.625	-0.75
Ralston Purina	83	-0.875
Rank Organ ADR	14.375	-0.125
Raychem Corp	73.5	-0.875
Raytheon	48.25	+0.25
Reebok Intl	39.875	-0.625
Reynolds Reyn A	22.875	-0.5
Reynolds Metals	68.25	-0.75
Rite Aid Corp	45.25	-1.5
Roadway Services	31	+0.125
Rockwell Intl	60.5	-1
Rohm & Haas	86.5	+0
Rohr Industries	21.875	+0.5
Rouse	28.375	-0.125
Rowan	24	-0.5
Royal Dutch	194.125	-1.625
Rubbermaid	26.5	+0.125
Ruddick	15	+0
Russell Corp	31.5	+0.125
Ryder System	32.625	-0.75
Rymer Co	-	-
SPS Technology	73.125	+0.125
Safeco Corp	43.5	+0.25
Safety-Kleen	15.5	-0.125
St Paul's Cos	73.875	+0.125
Salomon Inc	52.875	-0.75
San Diego Gas	23.75	+0
Sara Lee Corp	40.25	-0.625
Schering Plough	44.625	-0.375
Schlumberger	122.375	-1.875
Scientif Atlanta	17.875	-0.25
Scripps	38.375	+0.25
Seagate Tech	38.375	-0.375
Seagram	41.125	+0.375
Sears Roebuck	48	-0.25
Sensormatic Elec	15.5	-0.25
Service Corp I	34.375	-0.25
Service Master	33.25	+0.75
Shared Medical	50	-0.875
Shell Trans	116.875	-1.125
Sherwin Wllms	29.875	-0.125
Shoney's Inc	6	+0.25
Sigma Aldrich	29.5	-0.375
Silicon Graphics	17	-0.25
Skyline Corp	25.25	-0.25
Smith Intl	55.625	+0.625
SmKline Bchm A	86.125	-0.875
Snap-On-Tools	40.25	-0.5
Sonat	57.75	-0.25
Sonocco Prods	29.25	-0.125
Sony Corp ADR	87	+0.25
Southdown	42	+0.125
Southern Co	21	+0.125
Sth N. Eng Tel	38.875	-0.625
Southw Airlines	25.375	-0.25
Southwestn Bell	57.25	-1
Spring Inds	50.625	-0.375
Sprint Corp	48.25	-0.5
Standard Prods	25.25	+0.375
Stanley Works	40.5	-0.375
Stone Container	13.625	+0
Storage Technol	40.625	-0.125
Stratus Comp	48.125	+0.125
Sun America	1.375	0
Sun Company	30.375	-0.125
Sundstrand	52.25	+1.5
Sun Microsystms	33	+0.5
Suntrust	53.125	-0.125
Supervalu	33	-0.625
Symantec	18.4375	-0.4375
Sysco Corp	34.875	-0.25
TJX Cos Inc.	47.875	-0.375
TRW Inc	53.125	-0.75
Tab Products	10	+0.0625
Tambrands	48.125	-0.25
Tandem Comp	13.875	-0.125
Tandy Corp	53.125	-0.5
Telecom Corp	14.5	-0.1875
Telefonas de Mex	46.875	+1.375
Temple Inland	57.75	-1
Tenneco	44.25	-0.125
Teradyne	40.25	+0.25
Tesoro Pet	13.375	+0.125
Texaco	111.125	+0.625
Texas Instrmnts	83.375	-0.5
Texas Utilities	33	-0.125
Textron	58.375	-0.625
Thiokol	72	-0.25
Thomas & Betts	50.875	-0.875
ThreeCom	44.0625	-1.875
Time Warner	46.125	+0
Times-Mirror	56.375	+0.5
Timken	33.875	-0.5
Torchmark	67.5	-0.25
Tosco Corp	33.25	+0.25
Total Pet N Am	10.0625	-0.1875
Toys R Us	30	-1.25
Transamerica	90.375	-0.625
Transco Energy	51.125	-0.125
Travellers Grp	55.25	-0.5
Tribune	42.75	-0.375
TRINOVA Corp	-	-
Triton Energy	45.25	-0.125
TWA	7.875	-0.3125
Tyco Labs	63.625	-0.625
Tyler	1.875	+0
UAL Corp	75.75	+0.25
USG Corp	37.125	+0.875
UST Inc	27.5	+0.375
USX Marathon	30.75	+0.25
USX-US Steel	33.25	+0.75
Unicom Corp	21.375	-0.5
Unilever NV	106.125	-1.25
Union Camp	50.75	-0.75
Union Carbide	46	-0.25
Union Electric	36.375	-0.25
Union Pacific	68.125	-0.375
Unisys Corp	6.75	+0
USAIR Group	32.875	-1.25
USF&G Corp	21.25	-0.25
US Home	26.875	+0.25
US Life	48.625	+0.125
US Robotics	76.875	-3.0625
US Surgical	33.125	-0.625
US Trust	47.5	-0.125
US West	36.5	+0.375
United Tech	80.5	-0.5
Unocal Corp	42.375	-0.375
VF Corp	77.5	-0.125
Valero Energy	36.375	+0.25
Varian Assoc	52.875	-0.5
Viacom Inc	30.5	+0.5
Vishay	28.5	-1
Vulcan Materials	75.125	+0.625
Wachovia	61.125	-1
Walgreen	46.625	-0.375
Wal-Mart Stores	30.875	+0
Warner-Lambert	98.375	+0.875
Wash Gas Light	24.5	-0.375
Washington Post	394.25	+7.5
Waste Mgmnt Inc	31.75	-0.75
Watkins-Johnson	30.75	+0.25
Weis Markets	29.375	-0.25
Wells Fargo	257.25	-6.75
Wendy's Intl	23.5	-0.25
Westinghouse El	20.125	-0.125
Westvaco	31	-0.125
Weyerhaeuser	49.625	+0
Whirlpool	49.625	-1
Whitman	24	-0.5
Williams Co	44	-0.125
Winn Dixie Strs	38.125	-0.5
Woolworth	23.875	-0.5
World Comm	28.625	-0.0625
Worthington Ind	18	+0
Wrigley	58	+0
Xerox	66.625	+0.375
Yellow Freight	19.625	+0.25
Zenith Electron	10.875	-0.375
Zero Co	22.875	-0.375

LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Allied Domecq	430.5	-7.5
BAT Inds	538.5	-1.5
BT	446.5	+8
BTR	197	-1
Barclays	1170	+9.5
Bass	768.5	-8
Boots	694.5	-7.5
British Airways	665.5	+0.5
British Gas	-	-
General Electric	333	-2
Grand Met	565	-7.5
Glaxo	1188	-18
Guiness	572	-5.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1870	+26
Hanson	-	-
ICI	832.5	+17
Land Securities	875.5	-8.5
Lloyds Bank	586	+7
Marks & Spencer	508	+5
NatWest Bank	727.5	+6
Prudential	605	+12.5
Reuters	678.5	+2.5
Sainsbury	351	+0.5
Shell Transport	1189	-13.1563
Unilever	1600.5	-11

PARIS

	LAST	CHANGE*
Accor	839	-10
Air Liquide	927	+17
Alcatel Alsthom	619	-11
BSN	911	+10
Canal	1024	+27
Carrefour	3880	-30
Club Med	419.9	+1.9
Cred Lyon (Cl)	213.2	+6.2
Elf Aquitaine	630	+11
Euro Disney	8.9	-0.1
LVMH	1450	+10
Lafarge Coppee	365.7	+7.7
Lyonn Eaux	556	+3
Michelin B	327.3	+7.9
Moulinex	141.6	+3.1
Paribas	357.5	+0.9
Pernod Ricard	295.4	-4.6
Peugeot	557	-8
Saint Gobain	798	+8
Total B	528	-7

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Allianz AG	1350	-20
BASF	64.83	+0.03
Bayer	68.1	+0.9
Commerzbank	90	+0
Daimler-Benz	134.7	+1
Deutsche Bank	98.65	+2.27
Dresdner Bk	62.05	+0.4
Hoechst	68.35	+0.01
Lufthansa	29.5	+1.15
Mannesmann	733	+9.2
Metallgesellschaft	37	+0.56
Porsche	2093	+0
Siemens	98.4	+0.37
Volkswagen	1175	+29

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 4-JUN-97)

*In local currencies

TASE ROUNDUP

Banks decline as market slips

Mishtanim 282.32 ▼ 0.19%

Maof 289.51 ▼ 0.09%

By FELICE MARANZ

Stock indexes closed little changed yesterday, as declines in banks were offset by gains in Tadiran Ltd. and Makhteshim Chemicals Ltd.

The Maof Index of 25 issues fell 0.09 percent to 289.51, and the Mishtanim Index of 100 issues fell 0.19% to 282.32 – both retreating from Tuesday's record highs. The general bond index rose 0.08%.

Declining shares included Bank Leumi, the country's second-biggest bank, which fell 0.25% as investors decided to sell "after seeing profits from last week's share sale," said Doron Tsur, head of research at Tel Aviv investment firm Sahar Securities.

Bank Leumi's shares had gained 4.2% from May 27, the day the government sold a stake in the bank on the exchange.

Bank Hapoalim, the country's biggest bank, and Israel Discount Bank both fell 1%.

Stocks declined across the board as investors "felt the market may have gone up too much" in recent days, Tsur said.

Of 958 shares trading across the exchange, 11 shares fell for every 10 that rose. Some NIS 180 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 86.9m. below Tuesday's level. Declines were offset by gains in chemical company Makhteshim, which rose 2.75% after investment firm Ofek rated the stock "buy." (Bloomberg)

Key Representative Rates

US Dollar	NIS 3.4130	+ 0.18%
Sterling	NIS 5.5564	- 0.38%
Mark	NIS 1.9725	- 0.17%

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	7269.66	-42.49
DJ Transport	2659.02	-12.77
DJ Utils	221.05	-1.28
DJ Comp	2265.73	-6.68
NYSE Industr	557.53	-2.94
NYSE Transport	401.24	-2.83
NYSE Comp	440.18	-2.18
S&P 100	820.37	-6.47
S&P Spot index	840.11	-5.37

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	4557.4	-0.4
Tokyo Nikkei	20611.5	+48.4
Singapore all-share index	502.54	-2.1
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	14831.5	+71.4

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6337	-0.006
Sep.future (CME)	1.6284	-0.0026
D-mark: spot	1.7282	+0.0185
Sep.future (CME)	0.5819	-0.0013
S-franc: spot	1.4449	+0.0302
Sep.future (CME)	0.6996	-0.0055
Yen: spot	116.3	+0.13
Sep.future (CME)	0.00873	-1.5e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.3763	-0.0001
Sep.future (CME)	0.7323	-0.0003
AusDlr: spot	0.7576	-0.0025
Sep.future (CME)	0.7587	-0.0031
F-franc spot	5.8306	+0.0536
It Lira: spot	1697	+4
Nlg: spot	1.9445	+0.0245
AutShlg: spot	12.1892	+0.0361
Rand: spot	4.472	+0.0045
ECU: spot	1.1293	-0.0099
Bonds Sep.future	110.01	-0.02
S and P Sep.future	850.25	-1.6

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (CEC)	1420	-29
Coffee (Jul) (CEC)	251.55	-12.65
Sugar no.11 (Jul) (CEC)	11.51	+0.03
Wheat (Jul) (CBOT)	353.75	-8.25
Soybean (Jul) (CBOT)	830	-30
Orange juice (Jul)(CEC)	79.25	+1.75
Crude oil light (Jul)(CEC)	20.12	-0.21

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (LCE)	994	-23
Coffee (Jul) (LCE)	2083	-75
Brent crude oil (Jul)(IPE)	1872	-19

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Gold: spot	341.64	-3.11
Silver: spot	4.75	+0.04

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Jun)	340.9	-2.1
Silver (Jul)	4.7	-0.028
Platinum (Jul)	411.8	+9.9
Palladium (Jun)	202.8	+21.15
High-grade copper (Jul)	1.1565	-0.0145

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	342.4	-1.4
Gold PM fix	341.75	-1.8
Silver fix	472.5	-2

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date (Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 4-JUN-97)

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

Currency dealers push dollar up on EMU worry

LONDON (Reuter) – The dollar lost some of its edge but remained firm against the mark yesterday as financial markets sought to decide the impact on Europe's monetary union of the German government's capitulatation to the Bundesbank.

Stock markets ended the day mixed, although the Paris bourse continued to rally following the victory of the new Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in last weekend's parliamentary election.

Market expectations of a strong US jobs report tomorrow and the possible consequences for American interest rates complicated life for investors on both sides of the Atlantic.

But Chancellor Helmut Kohl tried to lay the government's bruising row with the Bundesbank to rest by declaring that Germany remained on track to qualify for European economic and monetary union (EMU) despite the hole in its 1997 finances.

The dollar hit four-week highs in early trade after Bonn retreated from its controversial plan to revalue reserves to help meet make the grade for EMU against the objections of the central bank.

Although a series of statements by Kohl, Finance Minister Theo Waigel and Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer calmed the wobbly foreign exchange market, traders said the fallout from the German battle of wills would reverberate for some time.

Government bond markets were unsettled for much of the day over concerns about events in Germany and interest rate worries in Britain.

Europe's major stock markets all showed gains in the morning, but London and German screen-based trade slipped into the minus column as Wall Street made a weak start. The Dow was still a few points adrift as European markets closed.

WALL STREET REPORT

Dow drops 42 points

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks fell modestly yesterday in sluggish trading amid growing worries about technology sector profits and potential market jolts from Friday's key employment report.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 42.49 points to close at 7,269.66. Broader indicators retreated too.

Big-name technology shares, besieged by a series of gloomy profit forecasts that began with Friday's warning from Intel, started the day higher, but faltered in the afternoon amid rumors that Gateway 2000 is set to announce that computer sales have been weak this quarter.

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SPORTS

in brief

Inter: Ronaldo may sign for us by weekend

MILAN (Reuter) - Internazionale Milan president Massimo Moratti expects Barcelona's unsettled Brazil striker Ronaldo to sign for the Italian club in the next few days.

"I hope to give the announcement by the end of the week," Moratti told reporters yesterday. "Let us hope so for Italian soccer and for Inter.

"Now there will be further meetings to better define some aspects, but I think all will go well," he added.

Ronaldo, currently playing for his country in the Tournoi de France, confirmed yesterday he was all but finished with Barcelona.

Grobbelaar retrial begins

WINCHESTER (AP) – Soccer stars Bruce Grobbelaar, John Fashanu and Hans Segers and Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim returned to Winchester Crown Court yesterday to be retried over match-fixing allegations.

The first trial ended March 4 after seven weeks when the jury failed to reach a verdict over charges alleging conspiracy to give and accept cash payments to influence the results of soccer games in the English Premier League between 1992 and 1994. All four men pleaded innocent.

Magic hire Chuck Daly as head coach

ORLANDO (Reuter) – Hall-of-Famer Chuck Daly was named on Tuesday as the new head coach of the Orlando Magic.

Daly, best known for leading the Detroit Pistons to back-to-back NBA titles in 1988 and 1989 and in steering the original Dream Team to 1992 Olympic gold in Barcelona, signed a deal worth a reported $15 million over three years.

Daly has not coached since he left the New Jersey Nets after the 1993-94 season. He has been working since as an analyst on NBA telecasts.

'30s tennis star Helen Jacobs dies at 88

EASTHAMPTON, New York (AP) – Helen Jacobs, whose rivalry with Helen Wills Moody spiced the world of tennis in the 1930s, has died at age 88.

Jacobs died on Monday in Easthampton, where she had lived for four years.

She was an unwilling foil for many years to Moody, who won 10 of their 11 head-to-head matches. The lone victory by Jacobs was tainted by controversy when Moody retired with a back injury while trailing 8-6, 3-6, 3-0 in the 1933 US nationals final at Forest Hills, New York. It was Moody's first loss since 1926.

Farmer-Patrick denies taking drugs

BLOOMINGTON, Indiana (Reuter) - Suspended US women's hurdler Sandra Farmer-Patrick denied Tuesday she had ever taken performance-enhancing drugs and said the ban left her feeling like she "had been in jail." Farmer-Patrick, US distance star Mary Slaney and an unnamed athlete were suspended by the IAAF last weekend pending the conclusion of their US hearings into alleged drug use.

"I have never taken any performance-enhancing drugs or any illegal substance," Farmer-Patrick said in a telephone interview from her home near Austin, Texas. "I have been unjustly accused."

Poll on new 49ers stadium too close to call

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Keeping San Franciscans on the edge of their seats, a proposed $525 million mall and stadium for the 49ers was passing by less than 300 votes early Wednesday in an election that could determine whether the team stays in the city.

The vote was so close - 50 percent "yes" to 49.9 percent "no" – that it was impossible to call the election, even with 100 percent of precincts reporting. That's because about 4,500 provisional ballots from voters who moved or were dropped off active voting lists will not be counted for a week to 10 days.



IN GOOD SPIRITS – Australian Pat Rafter celebrates after beating Galo Blanco of Spain in straight sets yesterday to clinch a place in the French Open semifinals. (Reuter)

Bruguera joins Rafter in Roland Garros semifinals

PARIS (Reuter) – Sergi Bruguera stepped neatly around the debris littering the men's draw to reach the French Open semifinals yesterday and stay on course to join some of the most distinguished names in Roland Garros history.

The Spaniard ensured there would one seed in the last four with a relatively comfortable 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 quarter-final victory over Morocco's Hicham Arazi and now meets Australian Pat Rafter, a 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 winner over Bruguera's compatriot Galo Blanco.

If the 1993 and 1994 French champion manages to complete a treble in Sunday's men's final, it will elevate the 26-year-old from Barcelona alongside the greats of clay-court tennis.

Only five men have won three or more singles titles at Roland Garros since 1925 and Bruguera will draw level with three of them – Rene Lacoste, Mats Wilander and Ivan Lendl – if he can overcome the apparent jinx on this year's seeded players.

With Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten meeting Belgian Filip Dewulf in the other semifinal, 16th seed Bruguera appears to have the tougher route against Rafter, whose performances in Paris have guaranteed him a place in the world's top 20 for the first time in his career.

The Queenslander, the first Australian for 20 years to advance this far at Roland Garros, has a serve to be reckoned with on any surface, but outwitting the patient Bruguera is another matter altogether.

Injury and loss of form saw the Spaniard fade from prominence last year to the point where he dropped out of the world's top 80 before an encouraging start to this year rekindled the competitive urge at his favourite grand slam tournament.

"Every time I play on Center Court it is a very emotional thing. It is a very special place to me," said Bruguera, who took advantage of Arazi's increasingly erratic display to win in two hours 16 minutes.

"After everything that has happened to me in the last few years, when I was injured and then simply couldn't win a match, it's even more enjoyable to be winning again." It will have to be a case of 'Play it Again, Hicham' for the Casablanca-born Arazi. He took the first set impressively enough in 39 minutes, his quick-witted strokeplay thrilling the Center Court crowd who, in the absence of a genuine French hope, adopted him on the grounds that he has lived 20 kilometers from Paris since the age of two.

But an over-reliance on cute drop-shots and Bruguera's steadier baseline game altered the course of the match and the 55th-ranked Arazi, one of the Spaniard's closer friends on the tour, conceded his level of fitness had not been sufficient to pull him back into contention.

"I didn't expect to survive more than three rounds, so being here in the second week and losing in the quarter-finals is fantastic," he said.

"My weak side is my physical condition. I have to work on that but I'll be back next year and hopefully I'll do even better." Rafter, currently 25th in the world, has never previously advanced past the fourth round at Roland Garros, going out in the first round on his last two appearances in Paris.

In April he found himself forced to apologize after admitting he had played the 'dead' reverse singles of a Davis Cup tie against the Czech Republic while still feeling slightly drunk from a party the night before but now finds himself the toast of his native land once more.

"It's a dream for me," he said, having shown too much discipline and power for the 111th-ranked Blanco.

"I've played Bruguera twice in Gstaad and Rome and had my butt kicked both times but I've nothing to lose.

"I have to stick to my game and play attacking tennis if I want to win."

Israel soccer squad leaves for Moscow

By DEREK FATTAL

Israel's national soccer squad flew off to Moscow yesterday evening, ahead of Sunday's World Cup qualifier which could go a long way towards deciding which of the sides proceeds to the finals in France next year.

The Israelis lead Group 5 at present with 13 points from six matches, ahead of the Russians on 11 points, but the Russians have one game in hand. Only the group winners are assured of a ticket to the finals, and third-placed Bulgaria are also still in contention for pole position.

The mood of the players was subdued yesterday. Much of the confidence present after the Israelis beat Cyprus in their last group fixture has given way to a greater sense of reality at the daunting task facing the side.

After the victory over Cyprus, Shlomo Scharf suggested that his players would aim for victory in Moscow, whereas yesterday the coach was stressing the importance of containing the Russian forward line.

"They will go all out to attack us in order to win the match. I am concerned about our defense and it is essential for us that our midfield backs up our defense," said Scharf, no doubt mindful that his two strongest tacklers Gadi Brumer and Tal Banin were not in the squad.

Speaking to reporters yesterday, the Israel coach hinted that the need to butress the defensive cause means that Itzik Zohar and Haim Revivo are unlikely to find themselves in the starting eleven.

Scharf also hinted that the poor state of the Moscow pitch could have a bearing on his final lineup. While suggesting that any result besides defeat would suit his men.

In other soccer news yesterday Maccabi Haifa defender Moshe Glam was placed on the transfer list, while negotiations between Switzerland's Grasshopper Zurich and Bnei Yehuda's Avi Tikva appear to be reaching their final stage.

England beat Italy for first time in 20 years

NANTES, France (Reuter) – England, fielding a much changed team to the one that beat Poland in the World Cup on Saturday, scored an emphatic 2-0 win over Italy in the Tournoi de France last night.

Crisply taken first-half goals by Ian Wright and Paul Scholes – making his full international debut – gave England their first win over Italy since 1977 and provided Glenn Hoddle's squad with an encouraging boost before the teams meet in their final World Cup qualifier in Rome.

The Manchester United trio of David Beckham, Philip Neville and Scholes helped England dominate the match, even though Hoddle started with only five of the team which beat Poland in Chorzow.

Scholes provided the pass which allowed Wright to open the scoring after 26 minutes with a fiercely driven left-foot shot from the edge of the box.

Wright returned the compliment a minute before halftime for Scholes to sweep home a left-foot volley from 12 metres.

France and Brazil, the two other teams in the tournament, drew 1-1 on Tuesday.

Odds shorten on Ashes success for England

BIRMINGHAM (Reuter) – Only two weeks ago, optimistic Englishmen were able to back their country's cricket team at odds of 7 to 1 to win back the Ashes from Australia over the course of six Tests this summer.

Such has been the contrast in mood and fortune between the teams since then that on the eve of the first Test at Edgbaston starting today, bookmakers will offer no better than 3 to 1.

Home victories in each of the three one-day internationals – all by the same emphatic margin of six wickets – began to alter the perceived balance between unofficial world champions Australia and England, who are ranked no higher than sixth.

It has been swung further by Australia's injury problems, a failure to win either of their first-class matches and, above all, the poor form of captain and opening batsman Mark Taylor.

Taylor's predecessors Ian and Greg Chappell, and Allan Border, are among those who have said that he should stand down in deference to the Australian tradition of choosing the best 11 players and then selecting a captain.

In four first-class innings on tour, Taylor has totalled only 98 runs and it is 11 Test matches and 18 months since he last reached 50 in a Test.

Fast bowlers Jason Gillespie, Brendon Julian and Andy Bichel have suffered injuries. But Steve and Mark Waugh, Matthew Elliott, Justin Langer, Greg Blewett and Michael Bevan have all made runs despite the limited opportunities offered.

Shane Warne, the world's best spin bowler, claims to have been holding something back so far, despite taking seven wickets against Derbyshire on Monday.

The touring team's batting is so strong that England's best hope appears to lie in low-scoring matches, which is what Edgbaston pitches have produced for the last two tests, and for Warwickshire's two county championship matches.

Mark Butcher's 153 for England A there in April is the only big century on the ground so far this season and effectively earned him his Test debut in this game as Michael Atherton's opening partner, ahead of local man Nick Knight.

Rain and possibly thunderstorms are forecast for the second and third day, and after close study of the pitch, England decided to leave out their second slow bowler, left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell.

That makes it all the more likely that the equally unpredictable pace-man Devon Malcolm will make his first Test appearance for 17 months.

England must also choose between the two all-rounders, Mark Ealham and the Australian-born Adam Hollioake, whose heroics helped win the one-day series and lift confidence in the squad and the country to an unexpectedly high level.

Teams (probable): England – Michael Atherton (captain), Mark Butcher, Alec Stewart, Nasser Hussain, Graham Thorpe, John Crawley, Mark Ealham, Darren Gough, Robert Croft, Andrew Caddick, Devon Malcolm.

Australia – Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Elliott, Greg Blewett (or Justin Langer), Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Michael Bevan, Ian Healy, Brendon Julian, Shane Warne, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath.

Red Wings grab 2-0 lead over Flyers in Stanley Cup finals

PHILADELPHIA (Reuter) – The Philadelphia Flyers used different goaltenders in the first two games of the NHL Stanley Cup finals with the exact same result – a 4-2 victory by the Detroit Red Wings.

Brendan Shanahan opened and closed the scoring on Tuesday and Mike Vernon made 29 saves for the Red Wings, who take home a two games to none lead in the best-of-seven championship series.

Flyers coach Terry Murray started Garth Snow in goal Tuesday after Ron Hextall gave up a soft goal in the third period of Game 1 that killed Philadelphia's chances of mounting a comeback.

But Snow allowed two goals on long shots that he should have stopped, including Kirk Maltby's tie-breaking goal in the second period that put the Red Wings back in control after the Flyers had seized momentum with two late first-period tallies.

Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman scored the other goal for Detroit, which can complete a sweep of the best-of-seven championship series and end a 42-year title drought with wins at home today and Saturday.

Only two teams have ever come back to win the Stanley Cup after losing the first two games at home – the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and 1966 Montreal Canadiens.

Rod Brind'Amour scored both goals for the Flyers 69 seconds apart on powerplay deflections to rally his team from two goals down in the first period.

Sports Editors: Joseph Hoffman and Ori Lewis

Jones outduels Martinez, picks up 10th win for Mets

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Bobby Jones outdueled Pedro Martinez to become the first 10-game winner in the National League as the New York Mets edged the Montreal Expos 2-1 on Tuesday.

Carlos Baerga delivered a two-out RBI double in the bottom of the eighth inning to rally the Mets to victory.

Jones (10-2), who has won his last seven starts, allowed a run and four hits with three walks and five strikeouts. His 10 wins in 12 starts set a Mets record.

"Each and every win is important," said Jones, who is tied with Toronto's Roger Clemens for the major-league lead in wins. "Obviously, (Martinez) is one of the top pitchers around. Whenever you beat one of the best, it's a great feeling." John Franco pitched a scoreless ninth for his 15th save.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	37	19	.660	-
Florida	32	23	.582	4½
New York	32	24	.571	5
Montreal	29	26	.527	7½
Philadelphia	19	36	.345	17½
Central Division				
Pittsburgh	28	28	.500	-
Houston	26	29	.491	1½
St. Louis	25	30	.455	2½
Chicago	23	33	.411	5
Cincinnati	21	35	.375	7
West Division				
San Francisco	32	23	.582	-
Colorado	31	25	.554	1½
Los Angeles	27	26	.491	5
San Diego	25	30	.455	7

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	37	15	.712	-
New York	31	26	.544	6½
Toronto	28	28	.481	12
Detroit	26	29	.473	12½
Boston	22	32	.407	16
Central Division				
Cleveland	27	25	.519	-
Milwaukee	27	26	.509	½
Kansas City	25	28	.472	2½
Chicago	25	29	.463	3
Minnesota	25	32	.439	4½
West Division				
Texas	30	25	.545	-
Seattle	30	27	.526	1
Anaheim	28	26	.519	1½
Oakland	24	35	.407	8

Tuesday's NL games: San Francisco 9, Florida 1, 6innings, rain; St. Louis 15, Colorado 4; Houston 4, Los Angeles 3, 10innings; Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 1; NY Mets 2, Montreal 1; Cincinnati 3, Philadelphia 2; San Diego 5, Atlanta 2.

Tuesday's AL games: Oakland 9, Detroit 8; Seattle 6, Toronto 3; Chicago White Sox 9, Cleveland 5; Milwaukee 6, Boston 4; Baltimore 7, NY Yankees 5, 10innings; Minnesota 5, Texas 4; Kansas City 5, Anaheim 2.

Wainwright leads way in Lions' 10-try romp

WITBANK, South Africa (Reuter) – Three tries in the space of nine minutes by flanker Rob Wainwright set the British Lions on the way to a 10-try demolition of Mpumalanga in Witbank yesterday.

The Scottish captain powered over for his side's first try in the 10th minute to set the Lions on course for a thumping 64-14 victory over the side previously known as South Eastern Transvaal.

Six minutes later he stretched out his right arm to score from the bottom of a ruck and then surged through a shattered Mpumalanga defence from 10 meters to complete a stunning hat-trick.

Livewire scrum-half Matt Dawson made a quick break from the base of a lineout to turn Mpumalanga's defence before crossing himself for his side's fourth try after the ball had been recycled a third time.

Flanker Piet Joubert stormed over from the base of a lineout close to the Lions line to lift flagging home spirits but the tourists had the final say in the half with Tony Underwood cutting through on the inside of fly-half Neil Jenkins to score from close range.

The Lions scrummage showed huge improvement on their last outing and it gave them a firm platform for Underwood to score the first of five second half tries a minute after the restart.

Neil Jenkins, who was successful with seven out of 10 kicks, jinked his way to score under the posts from close range on the way to a personal haul of 19 points shortly before Nick Beal forced his way over from a quickly taken penalty.

In the best try of the match in the 60th minute the Lions kept the ball alive through a bewildering series of passes before winger Ieuan Evans crossed unopposed in the right hand corner.

The Welsh player then popped up on the end of another rampaging passage of play to score in the left corner.

The victory maintained the Lions' unbeaten record in South Africa. Their next match, the fifth of the tour, will be against Northern Transvaal in Pretoria on Saturday.

Intertoto Cup fixtures set

By DEREK FATTAL

Israel's two representatives in this summer's Intertoto Cup tournament, Maccabi Petah Tikva and Maccabi Haifa, have been drawn in seperate groups in the competition, which pits the National League's fourth- and fifth-finishers against a mixed bag of contenders from the across the continent.

Israeli sides have failed to distinguish themselves to date in the competition from which the finalists qualify for a place in the UEFA Cup, as well as picking up an attractive financial bonus.

June 21: FC Proleter, Yugoslavia v. Maccabi Haifa, Maccabi Petah Tikva v. Cologne, Germany.

June 28: Maccabi Haifa v. Publikum, Slovenia, St. Gallen, Switzerland v. Maccabi Petah Tikva.

July 5: Antalyaspor, Turkey v. Maccabi Haifa, Maccabi Petah Tikva v. Cork, Eire.

July 12: Standard Liege, Belgium v. Maccabi Petah Tikva.

July 19: Maccabi Haifa v. Lokomotiv Moscow, Russia.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL – Greece beat Israel 68-62 (halftime 37-38) in a friendly warmup game in Jerusalem yesterday.

The game was the Israel national team's 500th game. The two sides will meet again in Haifa today as they continue preparations for the European championships in Spain later this month.

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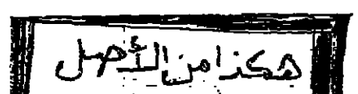
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

ISRAEL FESTIVAL

For dance and the many Nadj fans, there's Josef Nadj's version of the Buchner classic, *Woyzeck*, a bleak, bitter, often funny look at technological-versus-natural man, In Rebecca Crown tonight at 9 and tomorrow at 1 p.m. only. Jazz aficionados can buzz on over to the Tent at the Israel Museum for a once-only concert with amazing trumpeter Roy Hargrove on his debut visit to Israel, tonight at 9. Tomorrow at 3 p.m., Slava Polunin clown extraordinaire, begins *Snowshow* at Gerard Behar. Two theater treats start Saturday night. The amazing Rustaveli Theater from Tbilisi under its equally amazing director Robert Storua returns to the festival with a vibrant *Macbeth* in Sherover at 9 p.m. (Georgian with Hebrew translation). Downstairs in Rebecca Crown is Alan Lyddiard's production of *Animal Farm*. It is, quite simply, unmissable. At 9:30 (English). *Helen Kaye*



Michael Shani conducts 'Carmina Burana' in Karmiel tonight at 8:30

Classical music lovers will appreciate Canada's Tafelmusik ensemble directed by Jeanne Lemon, which performs music by Handel, Avison, Vivaldi and Marais Saturday (9:15 p.m.) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem. Also on Saturday, Dutch organist Dorothy de Rooij presents a solo Bach recital (9 p.m.) at the Dormition Abbey. *Michael Ajzenstadt*

OPERA

HELEN KAYE

Last chances to see the delightful Berlin Opera production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, tonight at 8 and tomorrow at 1 p.m. Also, the last performance of Verdi's dramatic *A Masked Ball* in which, for once, the heroine (soprano Michele Crider), doesn't die. On Saturday at 9 p.m., with the performance screened live in the plaza outside. Both operas at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Gifted director Yoram Falk has something of a monopoly on dramatizations of works by S.Y. Agnon. His latest adaptation, *Darling Esther lein*, centers around the exchange of letters between Agnon (Yehoyahin Friedlander) and his beloved wife, Esther (Yael Bernfeld). Opens tonight at the Jerusalem Khan at 8:30. (Hebrew)

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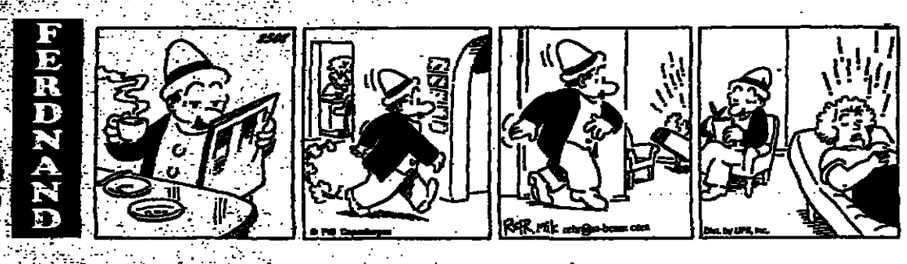
MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Tel Aviv Chamber Choir performs Orff's *Carmina Burana* with the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra under the baton of Michael Shani. Tonight, 8:30, in Karmiel.

Cellist Maya Beiser and her friends gather tomorrow (2) at the Tel Aviv Museum to perform contemporary ethnic music. At the same locale, on Saturday evening (9), the Currende Choir from Belgium performs the Mysterious East European Baroque, a program of music by the likes of Pekiel, Gorezycki and Thuma.

The Israel Chamber Orchestra presents a special gala concert, the proceeds of which go to the advancement of musical education of the young generation.

The all Mozart program features the Piano Concerto No. 21 (K467) with ICO music director Philippe Entremont conducting from the keyboard and the 41st ("Jupiter") Symphony conducted by Eitan Habermann.



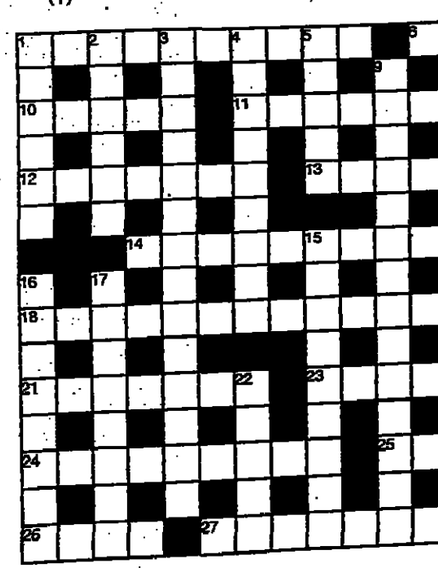
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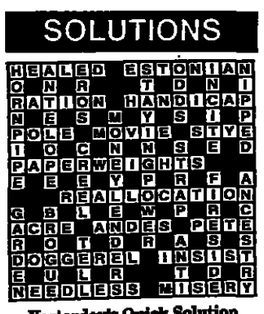
1 Watch component slip out—intended, it's said (10)
6 Cooked dish splashes back (4)
10 Wander around the mountains (5)
11 Make a slip: instruct to get calculator (5-4)
12 Sunshade, as seen in polar parts (7)
13 Take advantage of old storyline I included (7)
14 Make a leader? (12)
18 Workers' representatives found the passwords changed (4,8)
21 Stagger to us and collapse (7)
23 A little alcohol forbidden for one abandoning college (4-3)
24 Take choir out for a vegetable treat (9)
25 Saw about nine people playing (5)
26 Observe note written by agent (4)
27 Barber's work is almost a disaster (5,5)

DOWN

1 Captivated as pet ran around (6)
2 An island wine is yellow (6)
3 So delighted, to have Toby as a pet? (7,2,5)
4 Parasite gets strung up at Christmas (9)
5 Green, bringing up mineral water (5)
7 Leaders of the European Union have fillip for German (8)
8 Struggled with others and came first (8)
9 By which ballet-dancer makes excellent progress? (5,3,6)
15 Turn attention again to peruse clothing (9)
16 Lark has to fly round notice (8)
17 Sole impression of Wenceslas that was warming on the page (8)
19 One girl, or two, at the piano (6)
20 Carving makes astute representation (6)
22 Witty doctor has no students (5)



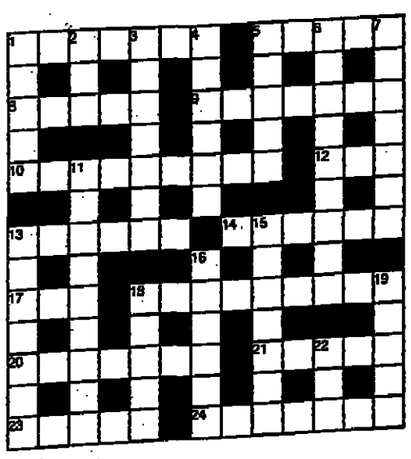
SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Buyer, 4 Logical, 8 Treason, 9 Never, 10 Audit, 11 Emerald, 13 Tale, 15 Sorrow, 17 Ascend, 20 Aunt, 22 Synonym, 24 Rebel, 25 Tower, 27 Interim, 28 Relieve, 29 Henna.

DOWN: 1 Betrays, 2 Yield, 3 Risotto, 4 Lintel, 5 Genie, 6 Caviare, 7 Lurid, 12 Mean, 14 Away, 16 Renewal, 18 Stretch, 19 Dilemma, 21 Umpire, 22 Satyr, 23 Nurse, 25 Baron.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Continually (7)
5 Yellow traffic-lights (5)
8 Refute (5)
9 Sea-bird colony (7)
10 Informal messages (9)
12 About 45-inch measure (3)
13 Not present (6)
14 Conceited (6)
17 Forest tree (3)
18 Table game (9)
20 Pacify (7)
21 Brownish-yellow (5)
23 Attach (5)
24 Operating room (7)

DOWN

1 Market place (5)
2 Steal (3)
3 Old soldier (7)
4 Eager (6)
5 Pleasing smell (5)
6 Yeoman warder (9)
7 Author's payment (7)
11 Deformed (9)
13 SE US state (7)
15 Offensive (7)
16 First-born (6)
18 Suitors (5)
19 Strainer (5)
22 Headgear (3)

TV

n CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Exercise Time
7:00 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Family Ties
8:45 Medicine Demystified
9:00 Arithmetic
9:25 Reading
9:45 Programs for the very young
10:15 Astronomy
10:30 Literature
11:00 Mathematics
11:10 French
11:30 Biology
12:30 Art
13:00 Plain Clothes – new police series set in New Zealand
13:50 Cartoons
14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy
14:35 Quentin Quack
15:00 Autoto

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Motormice from Mars
15:55 Booly
16:00 Friends of Shosh
16:25 Yeladudes
16:45 Eye on TV
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Zap Around the Country
18:10 Time for Language
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Meeting
19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Whoops!
20:00 News
20:45 The India Road – part 4: The Fish-Eyed Goddess
21:45 Backtrack with Ehud Manor
22:35 House of Elliott
23:30 News
00:00 Time for Language

■ CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 Tricky – cartoon
7:00 Breakfast Magazine
9:00 Meetings
10:00 Pablo
11:00 Talking About It
12:00 Pinocchio
12:30 Truth or Dare
13:00 Kate and Allie
13:30 Everything's Open
14:00 The Kids of Degrassi Street
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 The Best Israeli Video Clips
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:00 News Magazine with Rafi Reshef
17:30 Open Cards
18:00 Almost Perfect
18:30 Hudson Street
19:00 Pacific Blue
20:00 News
20:30 Candid Camera
21:30 Dan Shilon Live – special program on the 30th anniversary of the Six Day War
00:00 News
00:05 Screen Test
00:30 From the Concert Hall
1:00 Starsky and Hutch
2:00 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV

15:30 Holy Koran
15:35 French programs
16:00 Out of This World
16:30 They Came from Outer Space
18:00 French programs
19:00 News in French
19:30 News headlines
19:35 Step by Step
20:00 World Echo
20:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
21:10 Kung Fu
22:00 News in English
22:30 Feature film
00:00 Taratata

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shop
14:30 The 700 Club
15:00 Gerbert
15:30 Dennis the Menace
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Family Challenge
17:45 Beakman's World
18:10 Perfect Strangers
18:35 Saved by the Bell
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight
20:00 CNN News
20:30 One West Waikiki
21:30 Two Fingers From Shilon
22:30 Camel Comedy Club
23:30 The 700 Club
00:00 Quantum Shopping

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons
16:30 From Day to Day
17:30 Panorama
18:00 Her Majesty's Tears
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 News
20:45 Telekessel
21:15 Speak Easily (1932) – an absent-minded professor becomes involved with a troupe of entertainers on their way to Broadway. With Buster Keaton, Jimmy Durante and Thelma Todd.
22:30 Urban Angel – new crime series
23:35 International Cultural News

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 All Together Now
16:00 Hot Shots
16:30 Children's Classics – part 1: Peter and the Wolf
17:00 Clip Art
17:30 Faces of Culture
18:00 Destinos
18:30 Art Workshop
19:00 World War I
19:30 Vis à Vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Family Album
21:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9
21:45 Willie Nelson: Special with Ray Charles
22:45 Seventy Faces
23:15 J'Accuse – are great artists really great? Part 1: Van Gogh

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Dallas (rpt)
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
11:15 Zingara (rpt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 The Streets of San Francisco
13:35 Wings
14:00 Dallas
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 The Nanny
16:00 Hercules
16:45 Zingara
17:30 Lapidankner
18:00 Local *Broadcast*
18:30 One Life to Live
19:15 The Young and the Restless
20:00 Sunset Beach
20:50 The Commish
21:40 Renegade – new episodes
22:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
23:00 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:25 Babylon 5 (rpt)
00:15 The Streets of San Francisco
1:00 Barnaby Jones
2:00 Blood Brothers
2:55 Under Suspicion
3:45 Brisco County

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Strange Voices (1987) – drama about a woman with multiple personalities
13:10 Seeing Stars
14:00 Lethal Error (1990) (rpt)
15:30 Shattered Innocence (1988) – drama based on the true story of a young woman who came to Hollywood searching for fame and found herself starring in porn films
17:05 Captain Jack (1995) (rpt)
18:45 New in the Cinema
18:55 Don't Give a Damn (Hebrew, 1986) – adaptation of Dahn Ben-Amotz's controversial novel about a young man who loses both legs in the war and cannot adjust to life in a wheelchair. With Ika Zohar and Anat Wachsmann.
20:30 Ed McBain's 87th Precinct (1995) (rpt)
22:00 Truman (1995) – portrait of the 33rd American president adapted from David McCullough's biography. Truman took over from Roosevelt and was responsible for the decision to drop the bomb on Hiroshima. With Gary Sinise.
00:15 Shallow Grave (1994) (rpt)
1:45 Body Snatchers (1994) – third remake of the horror classic. A teenager moves with her family to an army base and discovers strange changes in the people around her
3:10 Sensation (1994) – erotic thriller

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Mighty Max
9:35 Pink Panther Show
9:55 Waiting for Summer
10:05 Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego?
10:30 Weird Science
11:00 Children Draw Jerusalem
11:40 The Bottle
12:15 Chiquititas
13:00 Make Believe Closet
13:10 Hallo, Spencer
13:35 Return of the Three Musketeers
14:00 Dennis the Menace
14:30 Mighty Max
15:00 Waiting for Summer
15:05 Pink Panther Show
15:30 Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego?
16:00 Clarissa Explains All
16:15 The Center of Things
16:30 Saved by the Bell
17:10 Little University
17:45 Chiquititas
18:30 The Muddies
19:05 Simba the Lion King
19:30 Cream with Michal Yanai
20:00 Animaniacs
20:20 Married with Children
20:45 Roseanne
21:15 The Cosby Show
21:40 Different World

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Falls (1980) – fictitious documentary by the controversial filmmaker Peter Greenaway. The film looks at 92 people who, following a cosmic event, began to speak a new language, dream of water and believe they were birds.
23:35 The Falls, part 2

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts)
8:00 Skeleton Coast Safari (rpt)
9:00 The Big Questions, part 2 (rpt)
9:30 Two Ballerinas at England's Royal Ballet
10:30 Village Romeo and Juliet – opera by Delius
12:25 Pirates: Pirates and Slavery (rpt)
12:55 Treasure Islands: King Solomon's Gift (rpt)
13:25 Wild Film: Hide and Seek (rpt)
13:50 Balthus (rpt)
15:00 House of Culture with Yair Garbuz (rpt)
15:30 Henri Cartier-Bresson (rpt)
16:05 Human Nature (rpt)
17:00 Open University – Man on the Rim; Universe; Portrait of a Family
19:05 Pirates, part 10: The Gift of Piracy
19:35 Treasure Islands: King Solomon's Gift
20:00 Wild Film, part 6: Nature, the Enemy
20:30 J.R.R. Tolkien
21:30 House of Culture with Yair Garbuz – with guest David Ofek
23:00 Human *Nature, part 5*
23:40 Open University: Astronaut's View; Everybody's Business; Sex Games

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Europe A La Carte
6:30 The Ticket (rpt)
7:00 VIP
7:30 NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw
8:00 Today
10:00 European Squawk Box
11:00 European Money Wheel
15:30 CNBC Squawk Box (US)
17:00 Gardening By the Yard
17:30 Awesome Interiors
18:00 The Site
19:00 National Geographic Television: The Fox and the Shark
20:00 The Ticket
20:30 VIP
21:00 Dateline
22:00 NBC Super Sports
22:30 Gillette World Sport
23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:00 Later
1:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw
2:00 The Tonight Show (rpt)
3:00 Internight

■ STAR PLUS

6:30 Nine to Five
7:00 Mollie Katzen's Cooking
7:30 GI Joe
8:00 Eeld the Cat
8:30 Oprah Winfrey
9:30 Picket Fences
10:30 Santa Barbara
11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
12:00 Hindi shows
13:30 Lost in Space
14:30 Black Beauty
15:00 Charles in Charge
15:30 Mollie Katzen's Cooking
16:00 Hindi shows
18:30 Star News
19:00 Are You Being Served?
19:30 Baywatch
20:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
21:00 Santa Barbara
22:00 Star News
22:30 Space: Above and Beyond
23:30 Halifax F.P.
1:30 Oprah Winfrey
2:30 Barnaby Jones

■ CHANNEL 5

4:00 NBA Final Series, game 1 – live
6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 Viva Bolivia (rpt)
17:30 NBA Final *Series, game 1 (rpt)*
20:30 Basketball: European Championship – Israel vs. Greece live
22:00 Viva Bolivia – preview of the Cupa America 1997
23:00 Spanish League Soccer
00:30 European Soccer Magazine

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Speedworld Magazine
12:00 Swimming: Mare Nostrum 1997
13:00 Rowing: World Cup, Germany
13:30 Wheelies Magazine
14:00 Mountain Bike: Downhill in France
14:30 Mountain Bike: UCI World Cup, Italy
15:00 Tennis: French Open Roland Garros
19:00 Motors Magazine
20:00 Soccer: International Junior Tour, France – final
22:15 Athletics: IAAF Grand Prix, Italy
00:00 Tennis: French Open Roland Garros Magazine
1:00 Sailing Magazine
1:30 Golf: Skins Game

■ STAR SPORTS

3:30 English Cricket – Derbyshire vs. Australia (rpt)
9:30 International Motorsports News
10:30 Golf: Euro PGA Tour
11:30 Motorcycling: Asian Road-racing Championship
12:30 French League Soccer
14:30 Watersports World
15:30 WWF Raw
16:30 WLAF Football
17:00 Basketball: Philippines Cup Final
18:30 Golf: US PGA Tour
20:00 French League Soccer
22:00 WWF Raw
23:00 WLAF Football
23:30 World Badminton Championship, semi-finals

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
7:30 The Money Programme
8:00 Newsdesk
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 The Money Programme (rpt)
11:30 Film '97 (rpt)
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 Holiday (rpt)
14:00 Newsdesk
15:30 The Money Programme (rpt)
16:15 World *Business Report*
16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour
17:30 Top Gear (rpt)
18:30 Hard Talk with Tim Sebastian
19:30 The London International Boat Show (rpt)
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Panorama
23:30 Tomorrow's World
00:00 Newsdesk
2:10 Newsnight

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day
6:30 World Report
7:30 Insight (rpt)
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:30 World Sport
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:30 CNN Newsroom
12:30 World Report
13:30 American Edition
13:45 Q & A (rpt)
14:00 Asian News
14:30 World Sport
15:00 Asian News
15:30 Business Asia
16:00 Larry King Live
17:30 World Sport (rpt)
18:30 Science and Technology
19:30 Q & A with Riz Khan
20:45 American Edition
21:00 World Business Today
22:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
23:00 European News
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today Update
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
2:30 Moneyline

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert
9:05 Schubert: Symphony no 2; Purcell: Come Ye Sons of Art ode; Mozart: Concerto for 2 pianos and orch K365;Martinu: 3 Ricercari; Bruckner: Symphony no 4 "Romantic"
12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod – familiar music and quiz
14:06 Encore
15:00 Voice of Music magazine
16:00 Handel: Suite no 3 in D minor for harpsichord (Ross); Haydn: String quartet op 9/1; Brahms: Sextet for strings no 1 in B flat op 18; Zemlinsky: Songs; Webern: 5 pieces for string quartet op 5
18:00 New CDs – Messiaen: Quatuor pour la fin de temps; Shostakovich: Piano trio no 2 op 67; Stravinsky: Firebird suite (1945 version)
20:05 From the Recording Studio – Allon Weber (violin), Oded Weber (piano). Mozart: Sonata in G K301; Reger: Prelude and Fugue for violin solo; Vieuxtemps: Ballade and Polonaise op 38; Prokofiev: Sonata no 2 op 94
21:00 Sounds and Portraits
23:00 The Art of the Song

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30	News flash Whoops!				Cream	Treasure Islands
20:00	News	News	Sunset Beach		Animaniacs Married with Children	Wild Film
20:30	The India Road	Candid Camera	The Commish	Ed McBain's 87th Precinct	Roseanne	J.R.R. Tolkien
21:00					The Cosby Show	
21:30	Backtrack with Ehud Manor	Dan Shilon Live	Renegade		Different World	House of Culture with Yair Garbuz
22:00				Truman	The Falls	
22:30	House of Elliott		Love Story with Yossi Siyas Seinfeld			Human Nature
23:00						

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha)☎ 6788448 Beavis and Butthead=Little Sister =Blood and Wine=Head Above Water 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Chamber 5, 7:15, 10 • Vertigo 9:45 • Space Jam 5, 7:15 • Marco Polo 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Saint 5, 7:15, 9:45 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Ghosts of Mississippi 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Absolute Power 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The English Patient 3, 6:15, 9:30 • Maximum Risk=Metro 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Everyone Says I Love You 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Marvin's Room 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians 5, 7:30
MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL ☎ 5700868 Secrets and Lies 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Blood and Wine 5, 7:15, 9:45 SMADAR ☎ 5618168 Shine 5, 10 • Secrets and Lies 7:15
TEL AVIV
DIZENGOFF ☎ 5101370 Head Above Water=Blood and Water=Kolya 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:45, 10 GAT Everyone Says I Love You 5, 7:30, 9:45 GORDON Romeo and Juliet 6, 8, 10 G.G. HOD 1–4 ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Beavis and Butthead=Marco Polo 5, 7:30, 10 • Dante's Peak 5, 7:30, 10 • The Chamber 5, 7:30, 10 LEV The English Patient 11 a.m., 1:45, 5, 6:30, 9:30 • Self Made Hero 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 8, 10 • Secrets and Lies 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Prisoner of the Mountains 1:15, 6 • Beautiful Thing 1 G.G. PE'ER The Chamber=Marco Polo 5, 7:30, 10 • Vertigo 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Ridicule 5, 7:30, 10 RAV-CHEN ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center Absolute Power=Metro 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Maximum Risk 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Metro 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Devil's Own 9:45 • Jerry Maguire 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Return of the Jedi 2:15, 4:45, 7:15 • Jerry Maguire 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674 Opera House Ghosts of Mississippi 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Crash 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Two Days in the Valley 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The People vs Larry Flynt 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Marvin's Room 5, 7:30, 9:45 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. Relic=The Saint 5, 7:30, 10 • The Associate 5, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM When the Cat's Away 5, 8, 10
HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Secrets and Lies 7 • Breaking the Waves 6:45, 9:30 • Empire of the Senses 9:30
GLOBECITY ☎8569900 The Chamber=Blood and Wine=Beavis and Butthead=The Saint 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • The Associate 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 MORIAH ☎6643854 Shine 7:30, 9:30 ORLY ☎ 8381868 The English Patient 6, 9:15
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Non-Orthodox leaders protest conversion bill

By BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies

Leaders of the Reform and Conservative movements here protested yesterday outside the Prime Minister's Office against the proposed conversion bill, which would anchor in legislation the Orthodox monopoly on conversions performed here.

Carrying baskets filled with petitions from American Jews to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, about a dozen protesters held banners reading "We all stood at Mount Sinai," and "Israel – Homeland of all Jews."

"This law will drive a wedge between people," said Reform Rabbi Uri Regev. "Our protest is about democracy and religious freedom, and which way we as a people are going to take on the eve of the 21st century."

"American Jews are asked to immigrate but told to leave their spirituality behind," said Conservative Rabbi Anat Ramon. "They are asked to contribute their money but not to talk about what should be done with it."

"If the law passes, it will be the government telling us: 'You don't belong here anymore, go your own way,' " added Dr. Yoram Peri, head of the New Israel Fund office here.

Meanwhile, the Knesset Law Committee met yesterday to prepare the bill for its second and third readings. "The law is intended to define the status quo but does not change the status quo," explained Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, who represented the government in the debate. The commitment to anchor the status quo in legislation was part of the coalition agreement, he said.

In accordance with rulings by the High Court of Justice, the government recognizes as a Jew anyone who is converted by "a recognized community" abroad, be it Orthodox, Conservative or Reform. Conversions in Israel, however, have been under the sole purview of the rabbinate.

This was challenged in the High Court last year, and the court delayed its ruling to allow the Knesset to anchor the prevailing situation in legislation. The court set a deadline of June 30 for passage of the bill.

"This law could lead to a schism with world Jewry," said Likud MK Ruby Rivlin.

"We have climbed too high up the tree," added Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet). "The Jews interpret this differently abroad and I am worried about the repercussions."

MK Dedi Zucker of Meretz, who spearheaded the opposition to the bill, was even more vehement.

"In the long run, we will have a divorce from the Diaspora. We will end up with Israel and Judah," he said. He suggested, together with Yael Dayan (Labor) that heads of the Reform and Conservative movements, who will be here next week, be invited to present their points of view to the committee.

United Torah Judaism MK Moshe Gafni objected: "I will not agree to have those clowns from the Reform and Conservative movements in this committee, just as we would not allow drug-users into a debate on the use of drugs," he shouted.

Coalition whip Michael Eitan (Likud) suggested that a few committee members sit to discuss the bill more thoroughly.

Turning to Zucker, he said: "If you are able to persuade the Reform movements to withdraw their petitions to the courts, I believe I can persuade the coalition to suspend the legislation and prevent a schism with world Jewry."

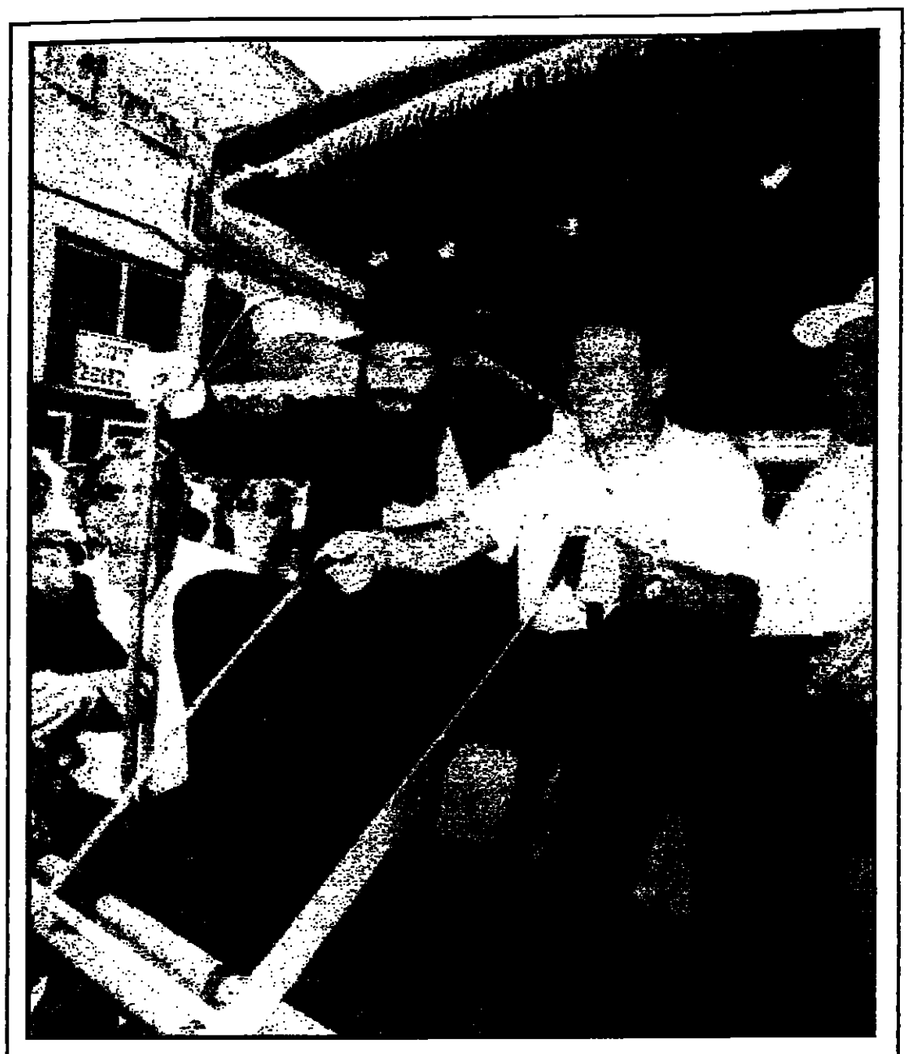
Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom refused to allow discussion of changes to the proposed legislation. The government is bound by court order to prepare the legislation by the end of the month, and it is too late for such debates, he said.

He agreed, however, to invite Reform and Conservative representatives, as involved parties, to the next committee meeting.

5,000 protest letters

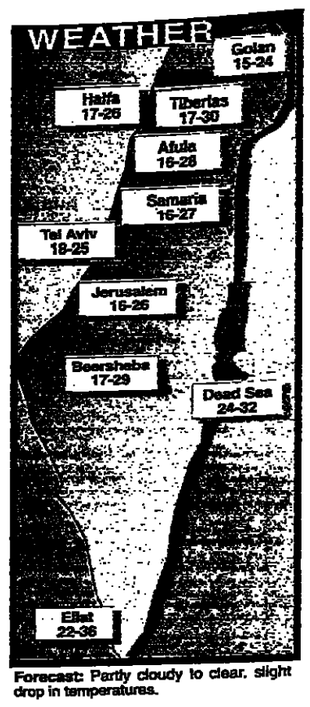
More than 5,000 letters from American and European Jews protesting the conversion bill were handed to an adviser to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday by representatives of different groups operating under the auspices of Hemdat, the coalition to promote freedom of religion, science, and culture.

The letters were presented in a basket of fruit. A Hemdat representative said the message was that the conversion bill would lead to "bitter fruits" instead of the fruit of the land which had always symbolized the bond between Israel and the Diaspora. *Liat Collins*



It's no dream

'Theodor Herzl' greets Jewish Agency workers and their families at the Jerusalem Railway Station yesterday, after they arrived on a special Centenary Train from Tel Aviv to mark Jerusalem Day and 100 years of Zionism. At the reins is Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg. (Israel Hadari)



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear, slight drop in temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	08	46	22	72	clear
Berlin	12	54	23	73	pcloudy
Buenos Aires	13	55	16	64	pcloudy
Cairo	20	68	35	95	pcloudy
Chicago	07	45	21	70	clear
Copenhagen	10	50	22	72	cloudy
Frankfurt	08	46	21	70	cloudy
Geneva	13	55	24	75	pcloudy
Helsinki	06	43	20	68	clear
Hong Kong	24	75	29	84	rain
Jo'burg	09	32	16	61	clear
Lisbon	15	59	23	73	cloudy
London	09	48	23	73	clear
Los Angeles	19	66	27	81	pcloudy
Madrid	13	55	23	73	rain
Montreal	10	50	22	72	clear
Moscow	10	50	17	63	cloudy
New York	12	54	17	63	pcloudy
Paris	12	54	24	75	clear
Rome	16	61	25	77	pcloudy
Stockholm	04	39	18	64	clear
Tokyo	21	70	25	77	rain
Toronto	07	45	21	70	clear
Vienna	18	64	28	82	pcloudy
Zurich	11	52	22	72	pcloudy

Winning cards:

The winning cards in yesterday's Chance drawings were the 9 of spades, 9 of hearts, 9 of diamonds, and 8 of clubs, and the king of spades, 9 of hearts, ace of diamonds, and king of clubs.

AT THE KNESSET

Boost for immigrant scientists

By LIAT COLLINS

The Immigration and Absorption Committee yesterday called for the immediate implementation of a plan to absorb immigrant scientists in the workplace.

Chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal said unless the plan was put in force soon, scores of senior scientists would lose their jobs. She accused the Finance Ministry of footdragging. "It borders on the scandalous and could cause long-term damage to science and research," she said.

Haredi MKs receiving threats

MKs from haredi parties have been receiving threats in the mail, according to Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) who has asked Speaker Dan Tichon to order an investigation.

Pinhasi said the letters are signed "The New Secular Underground."

He said the letters included phrases like: "We also know how to carry out pogroms" and "If you don't restrain yourselves, we'll remind you who is weak and who is strong."

Flags on public buildings

The Education Committee yesterday began discussing a bill raised which would require the flag to be displayed in all public buildings and schools. It was decided to ready the bill for further readings.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who introduced the bill two years ago, said it is symbolic that the topic was raised on Jerusalem Day and after the flag-burnings that took place on Lag Ba'omer.

Chairman Emanuel Zissmann (Third Way) and MKs from different parties supported the bill. "A flag is a significant thing in all countries," said Zissman.

Mordechai: No gas-mask cash

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told the Knesset yesterday that it is not possible to find the necessary funds for the distribution of gas masks. Answering several motions to the agenda on the subject, Mordechai said: "I proposed going back to imposing a tax via the National Insurance Institute, but we discovered a situation in which the budget is not the Defense Ministry's but is allocated to certain needs within the Finance Ministry."

Answering a motion on why special gas masks for bearded men were given out only to the religious public, he said: "If I have only NIS 50 million, bearded men will not get masks or they would get and others wouldn't. There is, for example, a problem with babies which will not be solved by NIS 50 million. That's all. We asked for the full funds."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said he had documents from senior IDF officers which indicate the results of a chemical attack could be disastrous unless the public gets proper protective kits.

Bill: 30 MKs to pass law

Ze'ev Boim (Likud) submitted a bill which would require the presence of at least 30 MKs for a vote on final readings of a bill. He said the situation in which legislation is passed by a few MKs is "absurd."

Lebanese civilians killed by roadside bombs

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

A series of roadside bombs planted by Hizbullah blew up a passing pickup truck yesterday, killing the civilian driver and seriously wounding passengers, according to reports from Lebanon.

A few hours later, a Lebanese technician was killed when he apparently set off a bobby-trapped electricity transformer on a road frequently used by South Lebanese Army troops.

The violent bombings came amid sporadic shelling between Hizbullah and IDF and SLA forces. Hizbullah fired some 20 rocket and mortar rounds at an IDF position in the security zone and reports from Lebanon said IDF artillery responded with over 50 shells. The IDF Spokesman said they had no reports of injuries from the shelling.

The shelling came as Hizbullah marked the eighth anniversary of the death of Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. In Beirut, Hizbullah officials claimed their fighters killed or wounded an undisclosed number of IDF soldiers in a "lightening assault" on a convoy moving on the Jezzine road. To add credibility to its announcement, they described the convoy as containing two armored personnel carriers, three transport trucks, a tanker truck and five other vehicles that had just crossed into Lebanon.

Northern Command sources said they had no information on any such event and that there were no Israeli or SLA troops wounded in Lebanon yesterday.

Instead, Lebanese security officials reportedly said four bombs were set off on a road between the villages of Killaya and Zellaya, just north of the security zone. They were detonated just as the civilian pickup passed, riddling it with nails and shrapnel.

Hizbullah accused Israel of setting off the bombs electronically. They said an IAF helicopter had been flying overhead at the time.

Roadside bombs are Hizbullah's favorite method of attack and Israel and Hizbullah are constantly trying to outwit each other with countermeasures. Israel uses electronics to try to detonate the bombs prematurely, sometimes even when Hizbullah guerrillas are setting them.

But Hizbullah, backed by Iranian technicians, are constantly upgrading their receivers with scramblers that block Israeli efforts.



Chief Chaplain Maj.-Gen. Gad Navon (IDF Spokesman)

IDF chief chaplain in serious condition

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

IDF Chief Chaplain Maj.-Gen. Gad Navon, 75, collapsed during yesterday's Jerusalem Day ceremonies at the capital's Ammunition Hill and was rushed to Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, where he is listed in very serious condition.

Navon, who collapsed suddenly in his chair just as the ceremony began, is in the hospital's cardiac intensive care unit. He is on a respirator and was still unconscious last night.

He is being treated by Prof. Chaim Lotan, Hadassah spokesman Yossi Shoval said.

Navon had to be resuscitated twice, once by medics at Ammunition Hill and then again upon arrival at the hospital, Shoval said.

Born in Morocco, Navon, who came here in early 1948, has spent most of his life in uniform, beginning as a member of the Haganah and the Palmah. He served on all fronts and is the only active major-general to have fought in all of the country's wars.

He was appointed chief chaplain in 1977, replacing Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

US-Israel strategic talks begin

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The biannual strategic talks with the US are currently under way in Netanya. Israel will stress the areas where the IDF's "qualitative edge" needs to be maintained in the future.

The US has long committed itself to maintaining Israel's strategic edge over the Arabs. Israel has used this commitment in its requests for advanced military technology and its opposition to sales of advanced weapons and satellite photographs to Arab states.

In addition, Israel is also raising the threat from Iran and potentially Iraq. Israel is seeking US help in preventing the proliferation of non-conventional weapons in the area.

David Ivry, special adviser to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, is representing Israel and the US is being represented by Assistant Secretary of State Ted MacNamara. Officials from the State Department and Pentagon are also participating in the talks. Ivry is being accompanied by Ilan Biran, director-general of the Defense Ministry, OC Planning Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, and Defense and Foreign Ministry officials.

Jerusalem comes out of the closet

By DANIEL J. CHALFEN

For the first time since Israel's annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Day was launched in Tel Aviv four years ago, the central celebrations will be held in Jerusalem this year.

Jerusalem Pride, whose catchphrase is: "A day of spiritual uplifting in Jerusalem," has chosen the capital city as its base for today's and tomorrow's events, demonstrating that homosexuals can stand proud in Jerusalem, too.

Also for the first time, the day will be held under the auspices of the Hebrew University.

Hundreds of people from around the country are expected to celebrate Jerusalem Pride, according to organizer Hagai Elad.

"There has been no opposition" to such an event being held either in Jerusalem or at the university, said Elad. Some participants, however, have anticipated confrontation, which has until now been avoided by a decidedly low-profile advertising campaign.

Starting this afternoon, panel debates, discussion groups, a gay film festival at the Jerusalem Cinematheque, and a party in downtown Jerusalem are slated.

The day will open with a ceremony on Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus and the First National Conference of Gay and Lesbian Students. Addresses will be given by, among others, Prof. Uriel Procacia, dean of the Faculty of Law, and Sa'ar-Ran Netanel, chairman of The Other 10 Percent, the university's lesbian, gay, and bisexual society.

Fogel: Scrap health tax

By JUDY SIEGEL

Former Finance Ministry director-general Aharon Fogel yesterday called for the cancellation of the health tax, arguing this salary deduction and allocations for health services are unconnected.

Fogel, who is chairman of the board of the Hadassah Medical Organization, said at a Hebrew University seminar on the health system yesterday that it was a serious mistake for the government not to turn the public hospitals into public corporations. This was a major recommendation of the State Judicial Commission on the Health System, but only parts of the commission's recommendations were implemented.

Fogel said that government and Kupat Holim Clalit ownership of most of the public hospitals prevents them from being run economically. "The government must set a comprehensive policy of rates and contractual principles between the hospitals and the health funds," he said.

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Public Tender No. 74/97

International Tender for the Installation and Maintenance of Parking Meters in Jerusalem

1. The Municipality of Jerusalem Hereby invites bids for the above-mentioned contract.

2. Details, including the tender conditions and additional pre-conditions, are an integral part of the tender, copies of which may be obtained from Erica Mendelovitz at the Engineering Services Dept. 1 Safra Square, 3rd floor, Tel. 02-6297734 from Thursday, June 5, 1997, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at a cost of NIS 2,070, payment of which will not be returned.

3. Bidders must attach a linked bank guarantee as set out in the tender conditions. Bids which do not include a bank guarantee will not be considered by the Tender Committee.

4. Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and should either be sent by registered mail to the Municipality Tenders Department, 1 Safra Square, Jerusalem, by Tuesday, July 22, 1997, or should be delivered by hand to the Municipality Tenders Department, Room 181, 2nd floor, 1 Safra Square, Jerusalem, on Tuesday, July 22, 1997, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Details of the tender should be marked on the envelope.

5. The Municipality does not undertake to accept the lowest or any bid.

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